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## MODERNIZING TRAVEL TO THE MARIANAS ACT

# Bordallo bill hastens arrival wait-times

**W**ASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) re-introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday to expedite processing times at the Guam International Airport and other ports of entry in Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



Bordallo

The bill would establish a mechanism to provide additional resources to Customs and Border Protection to enhance visitor arrivals.

Her bill would establish an Electronic System for Travel Authorization, or ESTA, for the Guam-CNMI

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### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

## April 7, 1917: America's entry into WWI

By **DON FARRELL**  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

In the years following the Spanish-American War of 1898 and the partition of the Mariana Islands, the U.S. naval governor of Guam in Hagåtña and the German district officer of the Northern Mari-

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ana Islands on Saipan gradually fell into their roles as custodians of their respective indigenous populations and representatives of their home governments.

Life in the Marianas was peaceful—in the least. That all changed dramati-

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### LIBRARY WEEK

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog signs the proclamation designating April 9 to April 15 as National Library Week yesterday at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. Others in photo are acting Public Library Council chair Asapmar Ogumoro, first lady Diann Torres, and acting Department of Lands and Natural Resources secretary Eliceo Cabrera.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

### IN SEPARATE CASES OF UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT

## US govt wants 3 to be kept detained

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The U.S. government wants three of six defendants in an illegal employ-

ment case be kept in jail while awaiting trial as they are considered flight risks and may leave the CNMI.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley asked the U.S. District

Court for the NMI to continue detaining MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd.'s Xiufang Qi

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## NCD's are leading cause of death in CNMI

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**  
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REPORTER

The leading causes of death in the

Commonwealth from 2011 to 2014 are mainly non-communicable diseases, such as circulatory diseases, cancers, or metabolic diseases.

That's according to statistics obtained by *Saipan Tribune* from the Health and Vital Statistics Office of

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MARC

Photo shows the SMS *Cormoran*, which was scuttled in Apra Harbor on April 7, 1917, the same day the U.S. Congress approved Woodrow Wilson's request for a declaration of war against Germany. Photo courtesy of Micronesian Area Research Center.

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The father cradled his lifeless 9-month-old twins, each in an arm.

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## Local

### Wife named third-party custodian of former cop

A former police officer who is facing extortion charges was allowed yesterday to replace his third-party custodian with his common-law wife.

Travis Dela Cruz Iglecias was allowed to replace a couple with Macy Aguon as his third-party custodian.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho approved the replacement after being told that the one currently serving as Iglecias' third-party custodian, the husband, is on medical referral to Guam. The wife, who is also a third-party custodian, will be accompanying him to the Guam Regional Medical City.

Iglecias has been on house arrest and previously had four people as his third-party custodians. With the substitution of the couple, he is still under house arrest with three people (Aguon, his

aunt, and uncle) as his third-party custodians.

Joaquin Torres represents Iglecias in the case. Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley represented the government.

Camacho will preside over the jury trial on Aug. 21, 2017.

Iglecias, 24, allegedly pulled over a vehicle for a traffic violation and threatened the driver, a Chinese woman, with jail if she refuses to have sex with him or pay him \$300 last Sept. 25.

After the woman allegedly paid him \$300, the then-police officer released her from custody at her house.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Iglecias with theft by extortion, false arrest, and misconduct in office. Iglecias pleaded not guilty. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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## Man gets 4 days in prison for domestic violence

A man arrested twice last year on charges of domestic violence and punching the window of a car being driven by a minor was slapped on Tuesday with a four-day prison sentence.

The 23-year-old Jiro Kazuo Takai was sentenced to a total of one year and six months in prison, all suspended except for four days, for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. He was given credit for four days of time served. That means he immediately goes free.

Takai was placed on supervised probation for a year. His bail, \$1,000, shall be used to satisfy his \$500 fine, \$25 court costs, and \$100 probation fee.

Takai was required to perform 1,000 hours of com-

munity service and complete anger management counseling. He is barred from any contact with his ex-girlfriend and two minors, and from consuming any alcohol while on probation.

The former girlfriend has relocated to the U.S. mainland.

Chief Public Defender Douglas W. Hartig, who represented Takai, said that all these started as a small argument and the one punch Takai delivered was not intentional.

Hartig had said that additional jail time is unwarranted

given Takai's extreme remorse and willingness to face the consequences, and the support he has gotten and his good character.

Takai entered a "global" plea agreement with the government. He pleaded guilty

last Jan. 31 to assault and battery-domestic violence and disturbing the peace.

The remaining charge of robbery and two counts of disturbing the peace involving two minors were dropped.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo presided over the case.

Takai punched his then-girlfriend in the face, causing her bodily harm, on Sept. 27, 2016. The victim suffered multiple injuries and could barely walk because of pain after Takai beat her up during their argument at his residence in Kannat Tabla, police said.

Takai was arrested last October. He subsequently posted bail. The following month, police arrested him again, this time for allegedly chasing a car being driven by a minor and repeatedly punching the window after she refused to open the door. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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## AMP selected for teacher training program

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Colorado-Denver. Applications for the program can be picked up at American Memorial Park Visitor Center or by email. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2017. To request an application, or to learn more about this program, contact Ranger Brooke Nevitt at: [brooke\\_nevitt@nps.gov](mailto:brooke_nevitt@nps.gov) or Pacific Historic Park education partner Jovanalyn Mafnas at 234-7207 x 2020 or [jmafnas@pacifichistoricparks.org](mailto:jmafnas@pacifichistoricparks.org). (NPS)

## DETAINED

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and Wencai Guo.

Qi and Guo are the alleged leaders of two groups of Chinese workers, most of them illegal workers assigned at the construction of the multi-million-dollar project of Imperial Pacific in Garapan.

MCC International is the construction contractor for Imperial Pacific. Beilida Overseas is a subcontractor of MCC. The Garapan offices of the two companies were searched by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last week.

The detention hearing yesterday for Zhao was postponed to Tuesday at 3pm to give the U.S. Probation Office more time to investigate the background of the proposed third party custodian for the defendant.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave U.S. probation officer Gregory Arriola

until Tuesday morning to submit his findings.

After the brief hearing, Zhao was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Attorney Colin Thompson is the private counsel for Zhao.

FBI arrested Zhao last Saturday.

Qi and Guo were stopped from leaving the CNMI at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport on Wednesday. The two were allegedly bound for China. It is not clear yet when the detention hearing for them will take place.

Zhao, Qi, and Guo were arrested on charges of unlawful employment of aliens and bringing in and harboring certain aliens. Separate complaints on similar charges were also filed against three others: Hui Lu, Hongwei Ma, and Pei Ruan.

Lu is president and director of Beilida Overseas. Ma claimed she is an employee of Marianas Enterprises Limited, but worked in the Beilida office, according to the FBI.

oral cancer. Breast cancer and pancreatic cancer came in at 10 lives and 8 respectively.

External causes of deaths have been on the rise. Although no statistics were obtained regarding external deaths covering the period from 2011 to 2014, statistics secured by *Saipan Tribune* for 2015 to 2016 show a jump in work-related injuries.

In 2015, the total number of work-related injuries was at 30. A year after, this jumped to 141. It was not specified which companies and what type of industries were directly associated with the high number of work-related injuries.

Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases was fourth for the period 2011 to 2014. Unlike cancer, specific diseases have not been identified. One of the most common metabolic diseases is diabetes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National 2014 Diabetes Statistics Report in 2014, some 9.3 percent of the U.S. population has diabetes. That equates to 29.1 million people. It is expected that over 550 million people worldwide would be diagnosed with diabetes by 2035.

## NCD

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the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

An NCD is an illness that is incurable and requires regular health maintenance accompanied by a healthy lifestyle change.

Based on the numbers of the Health and Vital Statistics Office, the top four cases of deaths on the islands from 2011 to 2014 were circulatory diseases, cancers, external causes (accidents, trauma, poisoning, etc.), and metabolic diseases.

Circulatory diseases include hypertension, which is one of the most common and is also the leading cause of death nationwide. Other circulatory diseases include atherosclerosis, a condition in which fatty deposits in arteries harden. If left untreated, atherosclerosis constricts blood flow and oxygen to the affected areas, leading to heart attacks and strokes.

The four-year period from 2011 to 2014 showed that 18 percent of deaths in the CNMI were caused by cancer. In that same period, lung cancer had 28 victims, eight more than

## WWI

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cally when Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir-apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was assassinated in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914.

On July 28, Austro-Hungary declared war on Serbia and dominoes set in place by previously unknown "secret alliances" began to fall. Germany declared war on Russia on Aug. 1. England declared war on Germany on Aug. 4. That same day President Woodrow Wilson declared America's neutrality. Nonetheless, the Mariana Islands became involved in the European war when, on Aug. 7, 1914, the British government officially asked Japan for assistance in destroying the German Far Eastern fleet in and around Chinese waters. Japan formally declared war on Germany on Aug. 23, 1914. The Japanese Imperial Navy responded and captured Saipan in October. Suddenly, the naval governor of Guam found his island in the midst of a world at war.

Capt. William J. Maxwell, then naval governor of Guam, declared Guam's neutrality on Aug. 11. The proclamation would not prevent him from getting involved in the war. The Japanese Imperial Navy quickly stationed a ship outside Apra Harbor to prevent entry by any of the German ships known to be in the Western Pacific. Yet on Dec. 14, 1914, Capt. Zuckschwerdt guided the German warship SMS *Cormoran*—low on coal and needing provisions for its crew—into Apra Harbor and anchored. Under the conventions of neutrality, he had 24 hours to take on coal and provisions and leave the harbor without being interned. When the captain learned that there was insufficient coal on the island, he was forced to accept internment.

Because there was no appropriate "fortress" in Guam to hold all the German crew members, they were allowed to remain on *Cormoran*. For the



Photo shows Karl and Eleanor Gebhart, Germans who were married in Guam to the tunes of the 30-piece *Cormoran* band.

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next two and half years, the Germans became the guests of the people of Guam. The crew of the station ship USS *Supply* became close friends with many members of the German crew. On Sundays, the U.S. Navy band and the SMS *Cormoran* band came together at the kiosk in front of the Governor's Palace in Hagåtña. The sounds of American and German music filled the air. That all came to a sudden and deadly end on April 7, 1917.

That day, April 6 in Washington, D.C., the U.S. House of Representatives concurred with the resolution for war against Germany that was presented to the U.S. Senate by President Woodrow Wilson following the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare. Capt. Roy C. Smith, the new naval governor of Guam, was informed of the change in the military-political situation and issued orders for the surrender of the German sailors and their ship.

As dawn broke over Apra Harbor, the captain of the *Cormoran* was not aware of the war situation. However, when he saw the USS *Supply* take station near the entrance

to Apra Harbor, there was little doubt in his mind as to what had transpired. He immediately gave orders for explosive charges to be set in the hull of the ship. He would scuttle ship before surrendering it.

A U.S. Navy launch was dispatched from Piti to deliver the surrender orders from Gov. Smith. They saw a German launch also headed for the *Cormoran*. Corporal Michael B. Chockie, a U.S. Marine aboard the American vessel, was ordered to fire a shot over the bow of the German launch, which he did. This was the first shot fired by an American in World War I.

The German launch hove to while the officers aboard the American launch boarded *Cormoran*. Lt. Owen Bartlett delivered the governor's orders to surrender. The German commander did surrender his command and crew but refused to surrender his ship. Shortly after the American launch left *Cormoran* to deliver Zuckschwerdt's message to Gov. Smith, the *Cormoran* was rocked by explosions. Within four minutes, *Cormoran* rolled on its starboard beam ends and sank. Capt. Zuckschwerdt was the last to

leave his sinking command. The German crew of 33 officers and 340 enlisted men were rescued by the crew of the *Supply*, all except five. They were given a memorial service in the Protestant Church in Hagåtña, then buried in the U.S. Naval cemetery with full honors.

Apparently, all the Germans were shipped to the United States where they survived the war in a POW camp in the United States. An armistice ending World War I was signed on Nov. 11, 1918. Some 50,000 American had died in combat. All the sailors from *Cormoran* were repatriated to Germany afterwards.

It is interesting that during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II, the Japanese ship *Tokai Maru* was sunk in nearly the same place where *Cormoran* had gone down. Today, scuba enthusiasts enjoy perhaps the most historic dive in the Western Pacific, visiting the World War I remains of *Cormoran* and the World War II hull of *Tokai Maru* in the same dive.

For more, please see *Fight of the Cormoran* by Herbert T. Ward.

## BORDALLO

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Visa Waiver Program and direct revenue from the established system to fund operations and staffing needs at ports of entry in Guam and the CNMI.

Bordallo's bill is identical to legislation she introduced in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress—H.R. 5820—and would help to reduce long visitor immigration wait times in Guam, which at times has exceeded two and a half hours.

Her bill would transition

two manual forms that foreign visitors are required to complete when traveling to Guam, and provide for travel authorization via an electronic system.

The bill would significantly enhance immigration processing efficiency and provide for a dedicated revenue source to increase CBP capacity to handle the volume of visitors at Guam International Airport and other ports of entry in Guam and CNMI.

The program would mirror the U.S. ESTA program and provide similar authorization specifically for the Guam-

CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

"Requiring an electronic system for visitors' travel to Guam or the CNMI under the regional Guam-CNMI visa waiver program is necessary now more than ever. As entry into the United States has increasingly moved into an electronic form, the Guam-CNMI VWP has been left behind. Our economy relies on a strong and vibrant visitor industry, and long lines at Guam and CNMI's port of entries are simply unacceptable.

"If my bill becomes law, a more efficient process will enhance the visitor experience. I

have been working diligently with [the Guam Visitors Bureau], U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and our other industry stakeholders to address the long wait times and ultimately modernize our systems.

"This bill will improve the visitor arrival experience and provide a dedicated revenue source for CBP to manage the volume of visitors entering our jurisdictions. My bill would help ensure that federal policy improves and expands economic opportunities and development in our region," she said. (PR)





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# 162 families still awaiting Soudelor assistance

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REPORTER

More than two years after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan, 162 families are still waiting for assistance, according to the Commonwealth Advocates of Recovery, or CARE, the agency spearheading the CNMI's recovery efforts.

CARE director Jenny Hegland reported on the organization's progress at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday at the Kanoa Resort.

According to Hegland, 381 families have received assis-

tance since Typhoon Soudelor hit the CNMI in August 2015.

Of that number, 155 families got help in repairing and rebuilding their homes, but there are still 162 families who are still waiting for aid rebuild their houses.

"It may look like we're pretty much recovered, but that is not true for all families," said Hegland.

According to Hegland, CARE estimates that it will need \$1.5 million to assist the remaining 162 families. Some \$500,000 can be leveraged in labor costs through the agencies that provide CARE with skilled

volunteer workers, she said.

CARE works with different agencies such as Mennonite Disaster Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get the volunteers needed to get the job done. It plans to pursue different strategies to acquire the remaining resources they would need, including asking the CNMI government for a second appropriation.

The organization also plans to pursue other federal grants and continues to seek financial support from local and international businesses as well as foundations.

CARE also welcomes partnerships with contractors and businesses on Saipan. According to Hegland, these businesses usually get their building materials in bulk. If the extra material is donated to CARE, this would definitely lower project costs for the organization.

According to Hegland, the organization will be using the same strategy to attain their funds as they did in the past. "Our strategy for acquiring the resources needed to help all the remaining families recover from Soudelor is a continuation of what has worked thus

far, bringing more than \$1.7 million in financial and in-kind support."

Hegland said that the long-

term recovery of the island depends on all partnerships that have been established, not just locally but internationally.



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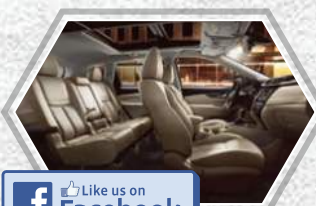
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## \$32,500 in scholarships awarded to NMC students

Thirteen Northern Marianas College students have been awarded Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund scholarships totaling \$32,500.

The scholarship is a collaboration between the APIASF and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution.

"We are extremely thankful to APIASF for making these scholarships available for our students," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "They go a long way to ensure that the recipients are provided with the resources they need to reach their educational goals."

The recipients of the scholarships are Maria Christine Castro, Kathleen Ann Laurio, Lorielyn Monica Lacay, Gemma Noelani Somol, Roman Franklin Tudela, Renee Ann Manibusan, Oliver Lumbad, Dionne Jasmine Deleon Guerrero, Narleen Siech, Rita Lifoifo, Marc Christian Venus, Dominick Jesse Magofna, and Adelpha Lynn Kapileo.

Each student received \$2,500 that can be used for tuition, fees, housing, transportation, books, and allowable expenses for the spring 2017 semester.

"We want to congratulate all these students on having been selected from...hundreds of applicants," Fernandez said.

According to APIASF's website, applicants for the scholarship must be full-time students in a degree-seeking program and be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. Applicants must also be citizens, nationals, or legal permanent residents of the United States.

The organization's website also states that the Coca-Cola Foundation, Walt Disney Co., USA Funds, WalMart Foundation, and Wells-Fargo support the APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program.

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## CNMI Judiciary to host Pacific Judicial Council biennial meeting

The Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary will host the Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference from Sept. 26 to 29, 2017.

The PJC consists of the judiciaries from the Northern Marianas, Guam, Palau, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap, and American Samoa.

The conference allows judges and justices to share and discuss ideas to improve court administration and delivery of justice, providing a collaborative forum to brainstorm solutions to common challenges on the islands.

About 35 judges and justices are expected to be in attendance, as well as members of the CNMI Bar Association.

Among the conference invitees are justices and judges from the U.S. District Court for the NMI, U.S. District Court of Guam, High and District Courts of American Samoa, FSM Supreme Court, the Supreme and Superior Courts of Guam, Palau Supreme and Land Courts, Pohnpei State Supreme Court, Chuuk State Supreme Court, Kosrae State Court, and Yap State Court.

Presentations and discussions will cover contemporary topics such as immigration control and policies, judicial opinion writing, U.S. Supreme Court case review, judicial ethics and social media, attorney discipline, and evidence.

Conference speakers will include Senior Judge John Coughenour of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington; Supreme Court of Guam Associate Justice Robert J. Torres; professors Carlton F.W. Larson and Rose C. Villazor, both of the University of California at Davis School of Law; University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law adjunct professor Joseph Regalia; and Bruce A. Bradley.

The member jurisdictions rotate hosting the biennial conference. The CNMI Judiciary hosted the conference in 2009; over 30 attorneys from the local Bar were in attendance. Some of the conference sessions and luncheon this year will be open to the local Bar.

Information on the conference venue and registration will be available at a later date. The conference is made possible by funding from the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (PR)

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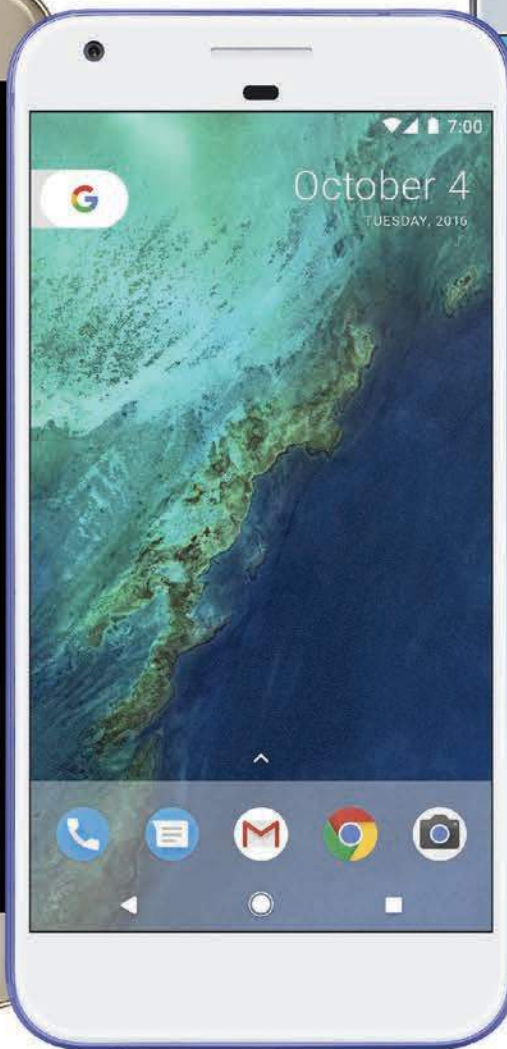
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The award-winning Simiyan Marianas, a group represented mostly by students from Hopwood Middle School that recently took honors at the 2017 Guam Chamorro Language Competition, has their picture taken with Margaret Cui Lijie, majority shareholder of Imperial Pacific International, yesterday following a ceremony at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday morning.

## Drug dealer pleads guilty

A suspected distributor of illegal drugs pleaded guilty on Tuesday to illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Jialiang Chen will be sentenced on Oct. 24, 2017.

The offense carries a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine.

Chen was found in possession of 1.6 gross grams of crystal methamphetamine on Nov. 15, 2016 on Saipan. Assistant public defender Nancy Dominiski served as his counsel.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds prosecuted the case.

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration arrested the 25-year-old Chen, also known as Brother, last Nov. 15.

The task force had been monitoring Chen's drug activities on the island. A cooperating defendant managed to buy \$120 worth of "ice" from Chen in a parking lot of an establishment in Chalan Laulau on Oct. 21, 2016.

The same cooperating defendant was able to buy \$240 worth of "ice" from Chen at the same place on Nov. 15, 2016. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists. NMHC has made amendments to the previous QAP's selection criteria, rights of NMHC, and fees.

NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on **April 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan. Copies of the draft **2017 and 2018** Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) are also available at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan and on our website at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net).

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the QAP may do so either by attending the public hearing or by submitting comments to NMHC by 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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We can document this long term change through photographs and tide charts. Each of these serves as a record of tidal change. Documenting high tides now can help us know how future sea level rise might affect us.

### Photographs

Please upload your photo of high tide or low tide from April 1—April 9 for Environmental Awareness Month. Photographing tides is one way to help planners and natural resource managers prepare for the impacts of climate change. Ideally, you'll want your image to capture the highest water line or the lowest water line. However, all images and associated data are helpful for the objectives of the Citizen Science project.

Take your photo facing parallel to the shoreline. If available, include some sort of feature in your picture – wall, bunkers, docks, or rocks make good markers.

How these photos are used:

1. Document current tidal change in coastal areas
2. Visualize the impacts of future sea level rise in the community
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# Man allegedly raped tourist

A 30-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly raping a female tourist at his apartment in Garapan last Sunday.

Min Wei Huang was arrested for sexual assault in the first degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The alleged victim was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for bruises on the inner left thigh, back of left thigh, left lower leg, and bruises and scratches on the left upper arm. She had scratches on

her left elbow, a bite mark on the left arm, and scratches on the right lower eye.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for Huang. Preliminary hearing will be on April 11 at 1:30pm.

Two police officers were dispatched to CHC's emergency room last Monday night for a reported rape incident.

Police learned from a Chinese interpreter that the alleged victim came to Saipan

last March 25 as a tourist and stayed in an apartment in Garapan.

After playing games at a casino, she went to her apartment but her roommate never woke up to open the door. Huang, who stays on the first floor of the apartment, offered his extra room in his unit. She agreed.

While she was sleeping, she was awakened to find Huang already on top of her.

She told police that after the rape, she felt dizzy, in pain, exhausted, and could hardly move because she was tired of fighting off Huang. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## House OKs bill to increase Rota, Tinian's share in MVA trust fund

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

The House passed a bill that aims to increase Rota and Tinian's share in the Marianas Visitors Authority's trust fund. Rep. Glenn L. Maratita (R-Rota)'s House Bill 20-4 would remove the limits on the amount given to Rota and Tinian from the MVA trust fund.

Rota and Tinian receive no more than 2 percent or \$400,000 per fiscal year from the MVA trust fund. The amount is equally divided between each municipality. The money must be used to implement charter flight tourist incentives and other promotional tourism programs.

HB 20-4 has determined that a cap has been placed on the money from the MVA trust fund that's used for tourism promotion on Rota and Tinian. Maratita's bill would remove that cap and increase both municipalities' share of the MVA fund.

"The purpose of the amendment is to eliminate the cap so that funds available for tourism promotion in the municipalities of Tinian and Rota can increase as the MVA trust fund grows as the result of expanded tourism activity," said Maratita, who is the 20th Legislature's House floor leader.

Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan), however, believes that more funds should be given to Saipan since this is the point of entry of tourists before they go to other islands.

She clarified that she's not against HB 20-4 but "Saipan is the capital and this is where tourists arrive first. ...Why not look for other funding sources to help Tinian and Rota with their tourism programs?" she asked.

She added that funds should be allocated to help San Antonio in keeping the village clean while improvement and other repairs are also needed at Ladder and

Obyan beaches, and Banzai and Suicide cliffs.

### Issues cleared

House Commerce and Tourism committee chair Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), whose committee recommended the bill's passage, said that all issues and other concerns have already been addressed.

"The bill would give Tinian and Rota the chance to address their issues with tourism enhancement. We're hoping that the mayors would use the money for the purpose of improving the sites in their respective municipalities," said Guerrero.

He believes the 2 percent share is not enough. "That's only shortchanging both senatorial districts when you talk about tourism enhancement. We should consider looking at it closely so we can really assist both districts when it comes to improving their tourist sites."

"I think it is time that we address their needs. I think the MVA is also responsible with this since they are the ones that market the CNMI. ...When you rebrand [the CNMI] as The Marianas, that includes Tinian and Rota. That's why we should provide funding for their tourism-related programs."

Guerrero said that Maratita's concerns in developing the southern part of Saipan have already been raised with former MVA managing director Perry Tenorio and his successor, Chris Concepcion.

"The [current] managing director said they are already studying how to improve the Ladder Beach area where they plan to put up a fence so no tourist could just fall off. It is also important to put security personnel there to keep the place safe."

"I hope they could also at least improve the roads there, even though they are not the agency responsible to fund them. We should all work together and meet halfway," added Guerrero.



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There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saipan today, April 7, 2017, from 5am to 6:30am, tomorrow, April 8, 2017, from 5:30am to 10:30am, and on April 11, 2017, from 3pm to 5pm.

The purpose of the power interruption today is to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely perform system upgrade on the Kiya 3 and Kiya 4 distribution circuit. This requires a power outage on sectionalized area of the Kiya 4 distribution circuit.

Chalan Kiya and its traffic light will be affected. The Duenas water well would also be affected, as well as the W-5 wastewater lift stations.

The purpose of tomorrow's power interruption is to de-energize the primary

lines to allow CUC line crew to safely replace five wooden power poles with concrete poles along Alageta Road in Kagman II. This is part of an ongoing Hazard Mitigation Program to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout Saipan.

Kagman II would be affected. The water wells for the entire Kagman village would also be affected. These include the KG-7, KG-8, KG-9, KG-14, and KG-15 water wells.

The April 11 power interruption is to allow CUC line crew to replace a rotted primary power pole in China Town along Komiti Ave. Areas to be affected are China Town (Commonwealth Dr., Uruwow Ln., Congress Ln., World War Two Ln., Legislature Ln., Linao Ln., Nimitz Ln., Speak-

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These outages are all part of an ongoing maintenance program to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island. Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

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## Payless files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

NEW YORK—Shoe chain Payless ShoeSource has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, becoming the latest retailer to succumb to increasing competition from online rivals like Amazon.

The Topeka, Kansas-based retailer said Tuesday that it will be immediately closing nearly 400 stores as part of the reorganization. It has over 4,400 stores in more than 30 countries and was founded in 1956.

Payless plans to reduce its debt by almost 50 percent, lower how much it pays in interest, and line up funds. The company says some of its lenders have agreed make available up to \$385 million to keep the stores running.

"This is a difficult, but necessary, decision driven by the continued challenges of the retail environment, which will only intensify," said Payless CEO Paul Jones in a statement.

In the press release announcing the Chapter 11 filing, the company said: "We intend to use the Chapter 11 process to implement a comprehensive path forward to meaningfully enhance our growth profile and profitability, positioning us to continue to thrive as a sustainable busi-

ness in the face of the retail industry's radical, unprecedented transformation."

Shoppers are increasingly shifting their buying online or going to discount stores like T.J. Maxx to grab deals on designer brands. That shift has hurt traditional retailers, even low-price outlets like Payless.

In fact, Moody's Investor Service said earlier this year that the number of "distressed" retailers—those with cash problems and lots of debt that are facing strong competition—is at the highest since 2009. It named Payless as one of them.

The local branch of Payless declined to provide a comment, referring *Saipan Tribune* to their main office. An email message to the head office generated the following response:

"On April 4, 2017, Payless' North American entities, as well as two foreign Hong Kong-based entities involved in logistics (CBL) and supply chain (DAL), filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri to facilitate the financial and operational restructuring necessary to strengthen its

balance sheet and position the company for long-term success. Payless is also filing for recognition of the U.S. Chapter 11 proceedings under Part IV of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

"Payless will continue to operate its business in the ordinary course in terms of its customers, vendors, partners and associates and, subject to Court approval, expects to continue:

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Several retailers have closed stores or gone out of business in 2017. The Limited closed all 250 of its remaining stores early this year. It had operated nearly 400 stores at the end of 2000. Teen retailer Wet Seal in January said it would close its 171 stores. (CBS/AP/With *Saipan Tribune*)

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## EDITORIAL

### To be a child in Syria

**T**o be a child in war-ravaged Syria is to know fear and suffering, death and destruction. But there is a difference, especially for children, between knowing terrible things and comprehending them.

Imagine the panic and confusion early Tuesday after the bombs dropped in northern Syria as children began struggling to breathe. There was something poisonous in the air, causing asphyxiation and foaming at the mouth: a gas attack!

Whole families were struck down in their homes and on the streets. Some children risked exposure looking for their parents, a witness told CNN, because it took time to realize what was happening. People rushing toward the scene to help were struck down, too.

Hospital scenes captured in photos and videos, devastating to the victims, were difficult merely to watch from half a world away: A man carrying a limp child. Babies on ventilators. Small children crying or staring vacantly.

Dozens of people were killed, including at least 11 children, and hundreds were injured in an apparent chemical weapons attack that, if proved, would constitute a war crime. Many people died quickly. Those taken to clinics stood a better chance of recovering, though an antidote, pralidoxime, is said to be in short supply.

Syria's chaos meant confirming details was difficult. The attack occurred in Khan Sheikhoun, a rebel-held town. Witnesses, including victims and anti-government sources, linked the gassing to a Syrian government aerial bombing. Doctors suspected nerve gas—a mix of sarin and chlorine. "The symptoms were pale skin, sweating, narrow or pin-eye pupils, very intense respiratory detachments," one doctor told CNN. "Those symptoms match the usage of sarin."

The war in Syria is a multisided affair that grinds on without mercy: The despot leader of the government, Bashar Assad, is squared off against anti-government forces in a vicious civil war; at the same time, Islamic State attempts to occupy the power vacuum in Syria's interior and struggles against the U.S.-led coalition. The Russians are in Syria, too, at Assad's side. The Syrian government denied responsibility for the gas attack, but Assad on several documented occasions has used chemical weapons on his own people.

Assad's war has killed nearly 500,000 people and driven 6 million from their homes and villages. There are so many victims in Syria, but we can't help but focus on the children. The fighting has lasted six years, which means many Syrian children know nothing of the world but war and worry.

To be a child in Syria is to live or die with these truths, secure in the knowledge that for six years the rest of us have let them happen.

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» **Gas attacks and a world that tolerates them**



## Improving brain function

**A** friend of mine has dementia and I wanted to help her get rid of her memory loss, brain fog, and lack of focus. She is a Chinese person and I believe her dementia was either caused, or exacerbated, by consumption of MSG (monosodium glutamate; also known as *wei jing*).

MSG is nasty stuff and should be banned by the FDA because of the damage it causes. It is added to many of the foods we eat, particularly in Asian restaurants. It is classified as an "excitotoxin" and can wreak havoc on the brain cells. However, as I watched doctors' lectures on YouTube, I learned that there were some nutrients that could help to restore brain function. Fortunately, I had most of these nutrients in my cupboard. They not only restored my friend to improved mental function, they made her feel better.

A word to the wise: avoid Chinese or other Asian food if you want to stay sharp and focused. You don't know what the cooks have done to it.

Here are the nutrients to help brain function. Some of them are powders, which one mixes in water before drinking; others are simple tablets or capsules. These nutrients are widely available on the internet and from different brands. Take your pick.

Acetyl-L-carnitine (1/2 tsp)  
DMAE (1/4 tsp)  
Niacin (vitamin B3) just the tip of the teaspoon, 100mg  
Blueberry concentrate (2 tbsps - to make it taste good)  
I blended them together and she drank it. I also gave her the following supplements:  
Rhodiola Rosea (1 cap)  
Phosphatidyl serine (1 cap)  
L-theanine (200mg)  
EGCG (from green tea) (1 cap)  
N-acetyl cysteine (1 cap, or 1/4 tsp of powder)  
Vitamin D3 (2 - 5,000iu gelpcaps every 4 days)

I also made my friend a cup of coffee, since caffeine is a well-researched brain stimulant. One cup is well tolerated by most people. Drinking fresh green tea is also very healthy because it contains caffeine, L-theanine, and phytonutrients.

In the meantime I continued my research and I have learned a lot. For example, ginkgo biloba is reported to help memory function, but there is something far better. It is a little-known substance named vinpocetine. It comes from the periwinkle plant and is stronger and more effective than ginkgo. Many health companies make this available.

By taking these simple nutrients, along with a cup of coffee

By **RUSS MASON**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Russ Mason, M.S., wrote for a medical journal, "Alternative & Complementary Therapies," for eight years. He interviewed dozens of doctors who had much to share about unconventional treatment options. These included Tibetan medicine, Chinese medicine, botanicals, and treating stroke victims with hyperbaric oxygen.



every morning, my friend's brain function is closer to normal. I don't know how her memory is, but she seems happier, sharper, and more present.

If you have a diagnosed mental challenge, I encourage you to watch doctors' lectures on YouTube. This is free advice, and you have to watch several to arrive at an understanding of what works, and what to avoid. Sometimes doctors will give a lecture in order to sell you their books or supplements. The really good docs will provide good, scientific, information—usually as a lecture to other physicians. Those are the ones to watch. Keep a note pad handy and take write down what they recommend. Then watch more videos for confirmation.

If positive results can be attained without costly (often toxic) pharmaceuticals, that's the way to go. Health can be restored by taking the right nutrients, and in the correct amounts.

Please do not construe this to be medical advice. I merely reported what I did for my friend and the results she has experienced. You are your own best doctor, and you must be informed. Most doctors do not know very much about the importance of dietary supplements, because they tend to rely on pharmaceuticals.

I recently watched a video of an 83 year-old gentleman who cured himself of Alzheimer's. He took a prescribed pharmaceutical, but changed his diet and also took supplements with food. He was sharp and alert, without any trace of the condition. He added that, although he had beaten the disease, he would have to take the drug and follow the dietary guidelines every day for the rest of his life. Although any regimen of this kind is wearisome, it's far better than succumbing to Alzheimer's disease.

Again, if you have a medical challenge, I encourage you to watch doctors' lectures on YouTube. These physicians are generally informed and one can gain a great deal of potentially life-saving knowledge.



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## First and last

When I was in training to become a flight instructor we had to learn some applied psychology. Two elements of this realm seemed to form opposite ends of the same cigar, so I'm going to slouch in my beach chair today and ponder this stuff.

At one end was the "law of primacy." This referred to the deep impression created by the first exposure to something. That's no surprise. The power of first impressions is so well-known that it's cliché.

At the other end was the "law of recency." This, as the name suggests, meant that something learned more recently was more apt to be recalled. I don't know if there are any clichés linked to this, but we all know that fresh information comes to mind better than the stale stuff does. Life is, among other things, a long struggle of constantly reviewing things, at least if you're in a challenging profession.

In summary, both first impressions and last impressions play powerful roles in our learning.

I've been trying to conjure up a single case that satisfies both of these factors. I think my college days can be mined for an example.

When I was in college some energetic marketeer gave us samples of various products, including, notably, a dishwashing deter-

gent. I was living in the dorms at the time and didn't even have a kitchen. Paradoxically enough, this redounded to the advantage of the dish detergent. Since I had no kitchen, and since I therefore had never bought dish detergent before, the sample was the first time I had actually owned any of the stuff. Looking for primacy? There it was. I'd wash my coffee cup in the dorm's bathroom sink.

Anyway, out of habit and a sense of gratitude, I bought that brand of dish detergent for well over a decade, at least on the rare occasions where I'd actually go to a store to buy anything more than coffee and Skoal.

Score one for the law of primacy.

Alas, the law of recency began to overtake it. The halcyon days of having a bachelor's kitchen are as dim as the glow of the Big Bang, and only the residual radiation, ever fading, remains. My influence in the kitchen, or anything else of domestic or financial significance, is only nominal. What brand of dish detergent do we use? We use a brand that's different from my college brand (I feel like a traitor; but it wasn't my choice). The "new" brand now has a tenure that's measured in decades.

As for the old brand, it used to be the first name that came to mind if I heard a reference to dish detergent. The label, in fact,

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would flash in my mind's eye whenever I'd consider the topic. Now, however, it has lost that status. The new brand is there now, even though I have no particular affinity for it, and even though I've never put it in a shopping cart. It's at the top of the mental roster simply because it's what I've seen in recent years.

So score one for recency. Well, I guess. I don't really know if this is a good example or not, but it's the best I could do when trying to balance something against the primacy gig.

With this in mind, I called one of my old dorm mates, someone who was given the same array of samples that I was. He doesn't remember the dish detergent at all. He does, however, remember a shampoo sample. Shampoo? I don't remember that, but I do remember the brand I took up to school with me. Apparently, then, the sample brand of shampoo never got a chance to dig its hooks of primacy into me like the dish detergent did.

Where does all of this lead? I have no idea.

But it does reinforce an old notion in tourism, where you want to ensure that your customers have a good first impression and a good final impression of their visit. If there's going to be a hiccup in things, it will hopefully occur somewhere in the middle, where it can be washed out by more favorable experiences at the primary and at the recent ends of the time line.

Speaking of washed out, I have to go now. I'm being told to stir myself from my chair so I can do the dishes. Primacy, recency, whatever: Some things never change.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thank you, governor and delegate

The Friends of the Mariana Trench wish to thank Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for their leadership in helping our community to secure a successful nomination for the proposed Mariana Trench Marine National Sanctuary.

We also wish to thank our other elected leaders and the community for rallying behind the effort to bring the NOAA Sanctuary program to the Northern Mariana Islands. In particular, our elected leaders from Rota and the late Northern Islands mayor Jerome Aldan deserve special recognition as their early support helped bring this nomination to the attention of federal officials.

The nomination is now on the list of "Inventory of Successful Nominations." There are a total of six nominations on the inventory list, including other areas in New York, Alaska, Pennsylvania, and California. We have been working on this for more than 10 years now and it is exciting to see developments taking place.

It is important to remember that with the nomination, the process to designate the sanctuary is now only beginning. We recognize that we did not speak to every citizen, elected official, or leader, but we did speak with many. If we have not spoken to you yet, we hope that in the coming months and years we will be able to have conversations with you about the importance of protecting our ocean heritage for future generations.

We look forward to the start of the sanctuary designation process in the near future. This is a four-step process which begins with (1) scoping, then (2) a sanctuary proposal is developed based on public input, followed by (3) public review of the proposal, leading towards a (4) final decision on whether or not to designate an area as a national marine sanctuary. Working together, we look forward to making the ocean great again.

### Ignacio Cabrera

Friends of the Monument

## Bond loan option

The NMI lags behind in basic infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future growth. Understood the interest to explore low interest bond loan for this and other purposes. It's the only path to luring more lasting investments.

But it's better to let political plans cool off in order to allow for wisdom to prevail. In other words, let's wait for the GAO report to find out our fiscal posture, specifically the NMI's ability to pay additional long-term debts. This is not a topical issue but a substantive one, meriting careful review.

Take a look at the history of Puerto Rico and how it piled a \$70-billion debt it could no longer afford to pay. Low interest could well be the lure, quite similar to what several states did, with Puerto Rico dishing generous loans decades ago.

Today, the territory is pinned down with a \$70-billion deficit it can't pay. In the process, it lost economic opportunities that triggered a huge decline in its population. Some 50,000 leave the territory annually for greener pastures in the U.S.

Didn't this happen here some eight years ago when 3,000-plus of our people evacuated to Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland? Wasn't the powerful intuition that opportunities at home are basically history that prompted their evacuation?

**Dilemma:** The NMI is faced with the dire need to emplace basic infrastructure to meet investments now on the runway.

However, it's good to be on the safe side of caution. A huge debt is bad for taxpayers for a simple reason: we carry the burden of paying for loans that could mean tax increases and quadruple taxation from CUC to cover for the incompetence of the board and agency, among others.

**Beyond eyesight:** Other than vision and integrity, it would help dispositions if the elected elite strengthen "attribution" in order to understand, with some sense of clarity, the whys of certain issues.

For instance, the NMI faces three challenges today: 1). China's to cut promotions at home that lure the wealthy to gamble in overseas casinos. 2). Japan's casino industry opening in less than two years. 3). Gaming industry in the U.S. converging to destroy the casino industry here in ways we would never know. It's their survival versus ours!

China wants to stem money laundering and capital outflow while the U.S. gaming industry is bent to protect its turf in what appears to be fading opportunities to rake in billions of dollars. In other words, there's vicious competition across Asia. We are a part of the Asian equation.

Though these may appear insignificant initially, take another critical look, employing thoughtful attribution to events unfolding nearby that pose as heavy competitors against the NMI. It doesn't look very encouraging and it's about time the NMI retreats to its silent corner to reset buttons.

Is there a chance ahead to revive the Japanese tourist market? Trust me. It's history and it's timely that we start bonfires along the shore with chants to ponder upon our future. Some vicious competition nearby would slowly annihilate all efforts to refuel our fickle single-engine economy.

### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**Unease at home:** My buddy Magoo has the simplistic view of our relationship with our national government. He's convinced Uncle Sam would come riding into town whenever we mess things up. Not quite!

Sadly, Uncle Sam is exasperated with our apparent redundant adolescence in the disposition of matters of state. He's waiting for us on the steps of Capitol Hill in D.C. to unload some harsh lessons about self-government.

It should include a brief lecture on how to build strong governance a step at a time. And it begins with the "self" dealing with the term "responsibility." This would be followed by the term "accountability." If neither word sinks into our soft *mañana* brain, the next recommendation would be frontal "lobotomy."

To rely upon so-called Republican connection doesn't fit the Trump equation. The NMI sighs at the impending destruction of new investments without CW workers. Recently, however, Trump wants companies to hire U.S. citizens first. That decision paralyzed the H-1 visa program. We'd see how the Donald disposes of the NMI's request.

**Resignation:** We spout self-government while openly flouting ethics laws, refusing to take full responsibility for serious violations of statutes.

The Five Musketeers have been found to have lied about a certain firm not paying for their HK trip. This was proven in a HK court decision. The denial is a clear violation of the ethics law that all must follow to the letter. Interesting that the Five Musketeers have kept mum on this issue, perhaps praying that it fades into history.

It remains the view of "we the people" that the NMI is a government of laws! Be mindful and tender your resignation forthwith!

**'Da Speechment':** Magoo was rushing to review what he calls the "speechment." He meant the SOCA delivered last week by Raffy Torres at the Multi-Purpose Center hardly attended by the multitude.

"There's nothing new other than a smorgasbord of issues and it's not even a sit-down dinner," he complained. He talks about helping families meet dinner table needs. There's 51 percent of the working class earning poverty income level and below. "Start there!"

It's time to buckle down to formulating a short and long-term plan detailing your specific plans for economic diversification. It simply means revenues accruing into the local coffers beyond tourism. What are these areas? Would it include modern farming and fishing methods, service industry upgrades, others? Unless this is done the SOCA is another weak-kneed posturing.

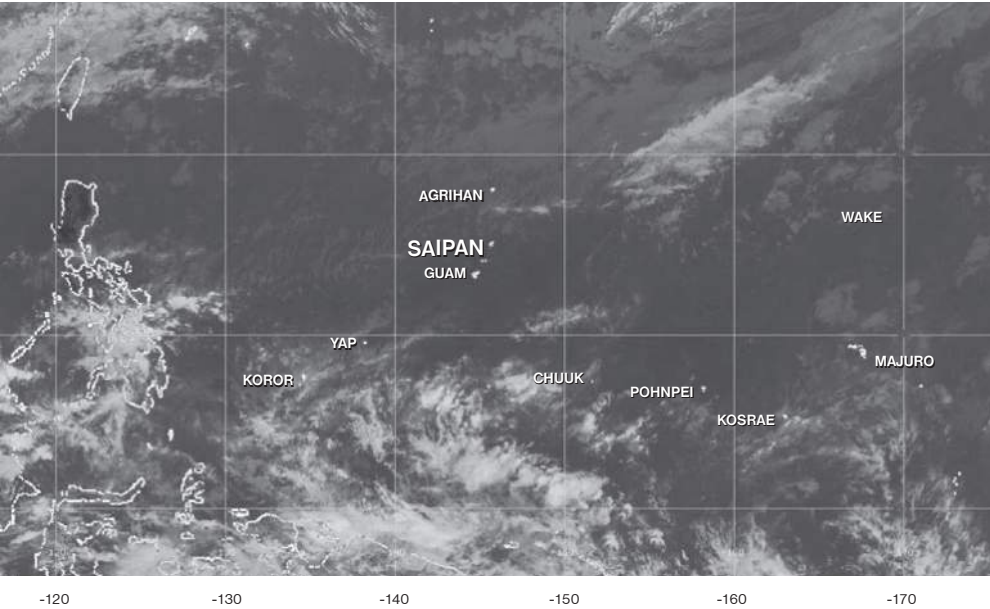


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy skies early giving way to a few showers after midnight.	Showers in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon.	Sunshine and clouds mixed.	Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late.	Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.
▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:09 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line just north of Saipan will only moves slightly southward from its current position. Showers moving just south of it will produce patchy clouds and brief wet periods today and tonight. The shear line will become weaker so expect only partly cloudy skies and isolated showers Friday through the weekend. No large scale weather features will pass across the Marianas the first half of the coming week so the partly cloudy skies and isolated showers will prevail through Wednesday. High pressure to the north will keep winds at 10 to 20 mph through Saturday. Winds will decrease to 10 to 15 mph Sunday as the high moves further away from the local area.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	88   78 °F
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	85   77 °F
Yap	Rain	86   72 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86   79 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85   79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85   80 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85   80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	68   55 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	72   56 °F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	80   72 °F
Honolulu	Cloudy	83   71 °F
London	Cloudy	61   42 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	71   57 °F
Manila	Sunny	94   78 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	80   56 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	90   61 °F
New York	Cloudy	49   37 °F
Osaka	Overcast	68   63 °F
Paris	Sunny	57   39 °F
Pusan	Overcast	68   44 °F
Rome	Sunny	64   45 °F
Salem	Partly Cloudy	61   47 °F
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	73   53 °F
Seoul	Mist	54   42 °F
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	67   58 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	65   44 °F

### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:38 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.83
11:37 AM	LOW TIDE		0.87
4:50 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.64
11:38 PM	LOW TIDE		0.14

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:30 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	3:13 AM	3:12 PM
Saturday	-	3:58 AM	4:04 PM
Sunday	-	4:41 AM	4:55 PM
Monday	-	5:22 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	-	6:01 AM	6:34 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily	LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily	TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
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OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5	7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4
SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)				JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM	UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
				UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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## 'Taste' moves to the Garapan Fishing Base

The 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held every Saturday evening at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan in May 2017 in celebration of Tourism Month.

The Marianas Visitors Authority has confirmed 13 food and three beverage vendors for the event, which features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. The festival will be held from 6pm to 10pm each Saturday (closing at 11pm on the final night).

"Once again, we're pleased to partner with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands to bring the public and our visitors the exquisite Taste of the Marianas," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This is one of the MVA's most popular annual signature events, generating special tour packages for gourmet and

media exposure in our source markets.

"We have been negotiating and planning with American Memorial Park for several months now, but are surprised that those plans have been disapproved after all our hard work. We are very disappointed," said Concepcion. "Nonetheless, it will be another great Taste in May this year at Garapan Fishing Base."

Participating food vendors will be Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Herman's Bakery, D'Elegance Cafe, Furusato Restaurant, Thai House, Tropical Chills, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Matty's BBQ, and Tony Roma's/ Capricciosa.

May Tourism Month will also be marked by the semi-annual Tourism Industry cleanup led by Japan Saipan Travel Association before Japan's Golden Week holiday. Residents are also encouraged to show their support by observing "Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit" Island Wear Fridays. (MVA)

## Closing arguments in 'ice' case

The prosecution and the defense rested their case yesterday in the ongoing jury trial of a businessman accused of possessing 5 grams or more of methamphetamine or "ice."

After calling seven witnesses, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe announced that the U.S. government rests its case against Yang Zou.

Defense counsel Colin Thompson did not call any witness.

The trial will resume today, Friday, at 8:15am, in which the parties are expected to deliver their closing arguments.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was able to empanel 13 jurors, including an alternate, on Wednesday.

A superseding indictment charged Zou with one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Zou allegedly knowingly possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of actual methamphetamine on April 15, 2016.

Zou and two other suspected "ice" suppliers were arrested and taken to court last Dec. 14. (Ferdie de la Torre)



MVA  
File photo of the 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. The 19th Annual Taste of the Marianas will be held every Saturday during May 2017 Tourism Month beginning at 6pm at American Memorial Park, Saipan

## 2017 Red Cross Walkathon

Special thanks to all 3,000 walkers & donors



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### Health Fair Participants

Ayuda Network, Commonwealth Respite Service Program, Family Violence Task Force, Public School System-Early Head Start/Head Start Program, DCCA/Division of Youth Services—Family Youth Empowerment Program, Joeten Kiyu Public Library/JKPL Bookmobile/Motheread-Fatheread Program/Northern Marianas Humanities Council, NMC Crees EFNEP Program, CNMI Brown Tree Snake Program, DPH-Non Communicable Disease Bureau, DPH-Maternal & Child Health Bureau, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, CHCC Immunization Program, Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, Hardt Eye Clinic, Marianas Health, LLC., CNMI Area Health Education Center & NMC Nursing Club, Community Guidance Center-Systems of Care, Homeland Security & Emergency Management—CERT, The Commonwealth Cancer Association, Office of the Governor-Women's Affairs Office



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### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #02-2017

Opening date: April 7, 2017

Closing date: April 28, 2017

Positions: (2) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Tinian)  
(2) AOA Controller/Ground Maintenance-I (Tinian)  
(1) Custodial-I (Tinian)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport of CPA Administration Office West Tinian International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the West Tinian International Airport is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2017.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on holidays, at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or at the CPA Admin. Office at the West Tinian International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at cpa.personnel@pticom.com or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director



## Photographer's exhibit features Marianas



Visitors to City Mall in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, see sights of Tinian, Rota, and Saipan at the opening of an exhibition by travel photographer and Instagrammer Dmitry Kulikov on March 24, 2017. The exhibition is coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority. MVA



Travel photographer and Instagrammer Dmitry Kulikov speaks at the opening of his exhibition #Let's Travel to the Marianas in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, on March 24, 2017. The exhibition is coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority. MVA

*4th Anniversary for the Kagman Community Health Center*

# Health Fair

### FREE:

Blood Pressure Screening  
Blood Sugar Testing  
BMI Measurement  
Breast Exam  
Family Planning  
Hearing Screening  
HIV/STD Screening  
Immunization  
Pap Smear  
PPD Testing  
Vision Screening

**WHAT:** KCHC 4th Year Anniversary/  
Health Fair  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 8, 2017  
**WHERE:** Kagman Community Health  
Center Grounds, Lemmai  
Wy., Kagman II Homestead  
**TIME:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

*Event for all Ages  
All Villages are  
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REFRESHMENTS SERVED • PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS  
FREE T-SHIRT FOR THE FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS

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Dmitry Kulikov, Far East Russia's most popular travel photographer, opened a new photo exhibition on March 24, 2017, in Russia featuring exclusive images of the Marianas.

The #LetsTravel to the Marianas exhibit features photos of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan taken by Kulikov on a familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority last year. The exhibit opened in City Mall, the largest shopping and entertainment center in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk on Sakhalin Island.

"Kulikov has over 60,000 followers on Instagram from all regions of Russia, so the

exposure opportunity is great," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This is an excellent partnership with him, and what better time to entice Russians with images of paradise in the Marianas than during winter?"

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk is one of the major gateway territories to the Marianas from Russia since Asiana Airlines operates an office there and promotes connecting flights to the islands.

The exhibit was attended by Asiana staff, major travel trade partners, major local media, and members of the public. The exhibition will be open until April 24, 2017. (MVA)



Fans capture a selfie with travel photographer and Instagrammer Dmitry Kulikov at the opening of his exhibit #Let's Travel to The Marianas in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, on March 24, 2017. The exhibition is coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority. MVA



Travel photographer and Instagrammer Dmitry Kulikov, right, and Marianas Visitors Authority Travel Trade Marketing and PR manager Svetlana Vasilevskaya at the opening of his exhibition #Let's Travel to The Marianas in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, on March 24, 2017. The exhibition features images of Saipan, Tinian and Rota and is coordinated by the MVA. MVA



# Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**ADB: Asian growth seen steady, US policy uncertainty a risk**  
HONG KONG (AP)—Asia’s developing economies will see steady growth this year and the next, though the evolving policies of President Donald Trump’s administration are a major uncertainty, the Asian Development Bank said in a report Thursday. The Manila, Philippines-based lender forecast growth in developing Asia at 5.7 percent in 2017—unchanged from its previous forecast—and said that pace would continue into 2018. It said 30 of the 45 countries covered in the report will see sustained growth that will help offset the gradual slowdown in China, Asia’s biggest economy. However, the risks include unexpected changes to U.S. government policies in areas such as interest rates. The ADB said the uncertainty could undermine the outlook for the region, which accounts for 60 percent of global economic growth. The U.S. Federal Reserve, which raised its benchmark interest rate in March for the second time in three months, plans to gradually raise rates over the next three years as the economy improves.

**Unilever announces major restructuring**  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Consumer products giant Unilever says it plans to sell its spreads division and combine its foods and refreshments units as part of a major review of operations prompted by a \$143 billion takeover bid by rival Kraft Heinz that fell through in February. The Anglo-Dutch company also announced Thursday a 5 billion euro (\$5.3 billion) share buyback and raised its dividend by 12 percent, a move the company said reflected “increased confidence in the outlook for profit growth and cash generation.” Chief Executive Officer Paul Polman says in a statement that he is confident the changes “will accelerate the transformation of Unilever and the delivery of sustainable shareholder value over the long term.”

**Mercedes enjoys best month ever for car sales**  
RANKFURT, Germany (AP)—German carmaker Daimler AG says it had the best sales month ever for its Mercedes-Benz luxury brand in March. Stuttgart-based Daimler said in a statement Thursday that Mercedes-Benz sold 228,296 vehicles globally

in March, an increase of 15 percent. The company credited stronger sales in China and customer demand for its new E-Class, both for the sedan and the station wagon version. Sales for those models jumped 65 percent. The Asia-Pacific region saw a sales increase of 23 percent, boosted by a rise of more than 30 percent in China. The company showed off a convertible version of the E-Class at the Geneva auto show last month that it says should help increase sales further.

# ARE YOU AT RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES?



## DIABETES RISK TEST

1

How old are you?

Less than 40 years (0 points)  
40—49 years (1 point)  
50—59 years (2 points)  
60 years or older (3 points)

2

Are you a man or a woman?

Man (1 point)    Woman (0 points)

3

If you are a woman, have you ever been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)

4

Do you have a mother, father, sister, or brother with diabetes?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)

5

Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?

Yes (1 point)    No (0 points)

6

Are you physically active?

Yes (0 points)    No (1 point)

7

What is your weight status?  
(see chart at right)

Write your score in the box.

Height	Weight (lbs.)		
4' 10"	119-142	143-190	191+
4' 11"	124-147	148-197	198+
5' 0"	128-152	153-203	204+
5' 1"	132-157	158-210	211+
5' 2"	136-163	164-217	218+
5' 3"	141-168	169-224	225+
5' 4"	145-173	174-231	232+
5' 5"	150-179	180-239	240+
5' 6"	155-185	186-246	247+
5' 7"	159-190	191-254	255+
5' 8"	164-196	197-261	262+
5' 9"	169-202	203-269	270+
5' 10"	174-208	209-277	278+
5' 11"	179-214	215-285	286+
6' 0"	184-220	221-293	294+
6' 1"	189-226	227-301	302+
6' 2"	194-232	233-310	311+
6' 3"	200-239	240-318	319+
6' 4"	205-245	246-327	328+
	(1 Point)	(2 Points)	(3 Points)

You weigh less than the amount in the left column (0 points)

**If you scored 5 or higher:**  
You are at increased risk for having type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes (a condition that precedes type 2 diabetes in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal). Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Higher body weights increase diabetes risk for everyone. Asian Americans are at increased diabetes risk at lower body weights than the rest of the general public (about 15 pounds lower).

Adapted from Bang et al.,  
Ann Intern Med  
151:775-783, 2009.  
Original algorithm  
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as part of the  
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## LOWER YOUR RISK

The good news is that you can manage your risk for type 2 diabetes. Small steps make a big difference and can help you live a longer, healthier life. If you are at high risk, your first step is to see your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Visit [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org) or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) for information, tips on getting started, and ideas for simple, small steps you can take to help lower your risk.

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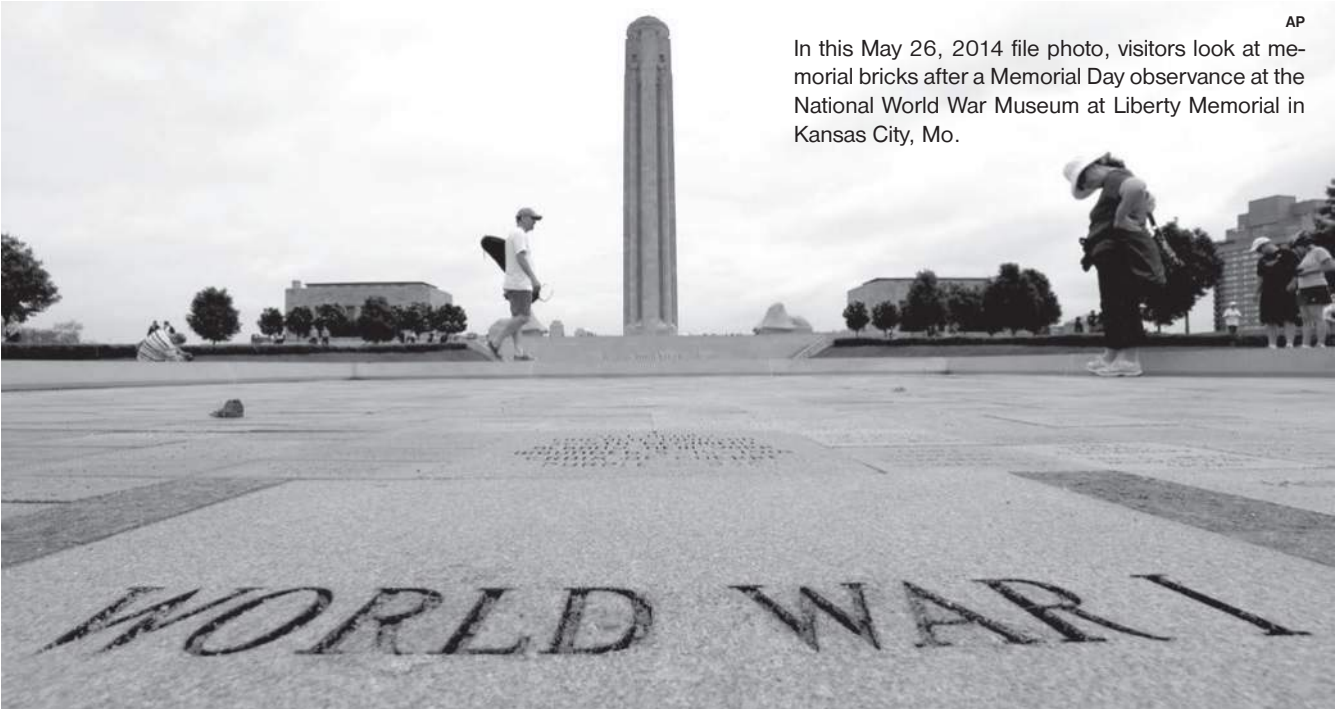


Nation

Kansas City set for national WWI centennial observance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—By design, World War I never strays from Matt Naylor’s thoughts: His grandfather’s wartime shaving kit is on display in his office where he oversees a Kansas City, Missouri, museum dedicated to all things involving “The Great War.”

“I have a familial relationship with World War I that’s very direct,” said Naylor, whose father, after serving



In this May 26, 2014 file photo, visitors look at memorial bricks after a Memorial Day observance at the National World War Museum at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Mo.

happen, thanks to a burst of postwar patriotism that over 10 days in 1919 raised \$2.5 million—the equivalent to about \$35 million today. Children pitched in, going door to door collecting money in what was “an early 20th century story of crowdsourcing,” museum spokesman Mike Vietti said.

So noteworthy was the achievement that Allied commanders from Belgium, Great Britain, Italy, France and the U.S. gathered in 1921 to dedicate the site, across the street from the Kansas City train station that more than half of U.S. troops passed through before being shipped overseas.

When the monument was completed five years later, more than 150,000 turned out to hear President Calvin Coolidge dedicate it.

But years of deferred maintenance led the site to be closed in 1994. A massive \$102 million transformation followed, funded by a sales tax, bond issue and private donations. The exterior was repaired, and the design firm behind attractions such as Washington’s Holocaust Memorial Museum was tapped to create a new museum that would tell World War I’s story of assassination, empires swept away and new nations born.

The site—its 200,000 visitors last year spanning more than 70 countries—was made official in legislation that President Barack Obama signed in 2014.

with the British during World War II, moved to Australia, where Naylor was raised and acquired his lasting accent. That lineage of service “is an important part of my story.”

So it is little wonder that Naylor embraces Thursday, when the National World War I Museum and Memorial he guides as president and CEO hosts a centennial observance

of the day the U.S. begrudging waded into the global conflict that President Woodrow Wilson had sought to avoid.

In the shadow of the hilltop site’s towering WWI monument known as Liberty Memorial, foreign dignitaries were to join 3,000 onlookers who snapped up tickets for the day-long homage titled “In Sacrifice for Liberty and Peace.”

The event on the grounds of the nation’s official WWI monument was to feature an eclectic mix of patriotic music, some poetry, speeches and readings from the time America first declared war on Germany.

To Naylor, the event that’s years in the making “is commemorating, not celebrating” the moment when the

U.S. trudged off to war at a time tanks and air combat were new.

By the time American military muscle helped vanquish Germany and the conflict ended in 1918, more than 9 million people were lost to combat, some 116,000 of them Americans.

“World War I may not be part of the cultural narrative,” Naylor told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “But it is a defining period of history that reshaped the U.S. and birthed the American century. This gives us an opportunity to honor that.”

He figures Liberty Memorial’s selection for the centennial was a nod to the city’s push to make the monument

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Bank of Guam,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
VINCENT M. CALVO and  
SALOMAE H. CALVO,  
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.:  
14-0151

NOTICE OF AUCTION  
ON THE MORTGAGED  
PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 5th day of December, 2016, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **8th day of May, 2017 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

**Parcel One**  
Lot No. 006 R 05 (formerly know as Block 12, Lot 1) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 006 R 00 the original of which was recorded 12 NOV 71 as Document No. 1293 at Land Registry, Saipan.

**Parcel Two**  
Lot No. 345 R 445, (formerly known as Lot 345 R 82) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 15 the original of which was recorded 12 MAR 92 as Document No. 92-0829 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**Parcel Three**  
Tract 22009-6, (formerly part of Tract 22009-1-R1, which was part of original Tract 22009), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3021 - 85 the original of which was recorded 18 SEP 1985 as Document No. 85-1818 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan. Lot 001 G 18, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02 the original of which was recorded 20 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-0513 and also recorded 16 FEB 1989 as Document No. 89-0511 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

**1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

**2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the properties listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the properties. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: rttlaw@opticom.com.


**3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

**4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.


**5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-17-007**

**CUC FACILITY FENCE REPAIRS**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the repair of security fences for multiple Saipan water facilities in need of fence repairs due to damage caused by typhoon Soudelor.

**This project is funded by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).**

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-IFB-17-007, CUC Facility Fence Repairs**”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 28, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and *Performance bond* must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*


Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on April 17, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY CAMACHO**  
Acting Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
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SECOND AMENDED  
SUMMONS

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:**  
**JOAQUIN M. CASTRO**


**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the **COMPLAINT**, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **SECOND AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert T. Torres**, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your Attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded by the Complaint.

So ORDERED on this the 31st day of March, 2017.

/s/  
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes  
March 22, 2017

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Confirm applicant status

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**

**V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup>**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Antonio L. Borja  
Chairman

<sup>1</sup> We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

<sup>3</sup> Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.



# Asia

## Afghanistan dangles lithium wealth to win Trump support

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The Afghan government is trying to grab the attention of President Donald Trump and gain greater U.S. support by dangling its massive and untouched wealth of minerals, including lithium,

the silvery metal used in mobile phone and computer batteries that is considered essential to modern life.

But tapping into that wealth, which also includes coal, copper, rare earths and far more that estimates say could be

worth from \$1 trillion to \$3 trillion, is likely a long way off.

Security has worsened in Afghanistan the past year, with Taliban insurgents seizing territory and inflicting increasing casualties on Afghan forces. The regions with the

greatest lithium deposits, for example, are currently too dangerous to enter.

So far, Trump's policy on Afghanistan remains unknown.

He has said little about America's longest-running

war, beyond saying on the campaign trail that he wishes the United States were not involved in Afghanistan. Last month, the top U.S. military commander called for an increase in American forces to help bring security, a call Kabul enthusiastically backed. But the White House has not said which direction it will go—toward beefing up the American role, drawing it down further or something else entirely. There are currently around 8,400 U.S. troops in the country, involved

in training Afghan forces and in counter-terrorism operations.

Kabul clearly hopes the promise of mineral wealth will entice Trump into making a greater commitment.

"Afghanistan can be an appropriate place for U.S. industry, and specifically the mining sector, to look at opportunities for investment" because so few potential deposits have been mined, said Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, chief adviser to Afghan president on infrastructure, human capital and technology.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Hundreds evacuated from New Zealand town after levee fails

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (AP) -- People used jet boats and tractors to help rescue about 2,000 residents of a New Zealand town after a river burst through a concrete levee Thursday, flooding hundreds of homes and businesses. Local authorities declared a state of emergency after the levee failed in the town of Edgumbe on the North Island. New Zealand has been drenched in recent days by the remnants of Cyclone Debbie, which flooded parts of Australia's east coast last week. Tony Bonne, the mayor of the Whakatane District Council, said the water was more than 1 meter (3.3 feet)

deep in some homes and that one nearby river had reached an all-time record height.

#### 10 people accused of running scam in diamond district

**NEW YORK** (AP) -- Authorities say 10 men have been arrested for defrauding wholesalers in New York City's diamond district out of millions of dollars in precious stones. FBI special agent Luke Hardison writes in a criminal complaint unsealed Wednesday at least five victims were taken for more than \$9 million in the scams. The case was investigated by a task force of police, FBI and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents who focus on Eurasian organized crime. Authorities claim the diamond dealers persuaded

wholesalers from India operating stores in New York to allow them to trade small, hard-to-trace stones. But they say the dealers avoided paying for the diamonds and instead told lies, bounced checks and used other tricks to resell the diamonds themselves. Two suspects remain at large.

#### Australia, New Zealand warn of possible attack in Turkey

**SYDNEY** (AP) -- Australia and New Zealand warned on Thursday that extremists may be planning an attack on the commemoration of a World War I campaign that is being held in Turkey this month. Australian Veterans Affairs Minister Dan Tehan urged the nearly 500 Australians and

New Zealanders registered to travel to Gallipoli, Turkey, to mark ANZAC Day on April 25 to exercise a high degree of caution amid the warning, but offered no specifics about the alleged threat. ANZAC Day is an annual holiday commemorating the April 25, 1915, landings in Gallipoli - the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I. Australian Federal Police deputy commissioner Mike Phelan declined to release details of what prompted the warning, saying only that the government had received information that extremists may attack the services being held on the Gallipoli peninsula. Phelan said there was no specific plot linked to the alert.

## Philippines to occupy and fortify Spratly islands it claims

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the military to occupy and fortify all Philippine-held islands in the disputed South China Sea to assert the country's claims amid what he says is a race to control territory in the area.

Duterte said Thursday that structures should be built on all of the nine to 10 islands, reefs and shoals held by the Philippines in the Spratly

Islands.

Duterte said he may visit one of the islands, Pag-asa, to plant a Philippine flag on Independence Day. He said money has been budgeted to repair the runway on Pag-asa, home to a small fishing community and Filipino troops.

Since taking office in June, Duterte has worked to mend ties with China that were strained under his predecessor over the territorial disputes.



## Safe and Healthy Programs



### Responsible Employers Manage Safety in the Workplace

#### A safe workplace is sound business.

##### What is a safety and health program?

A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses. Several program models are available for employees to follow, including OSHA's Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, NSC's Journey to Safety Excellence, ANCI Z-10, or international standards such as OHSAS 18001. All successful safety and health programs involve three key components:

- Management **leadership**
- Worker **participation**
- A systematic approach to **finding and fixing hazards**



You can use OSHA's free recommended practices document and other resources to find the approach that is best for your workplace.

Download the OSHA Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs at [www.osha.gov/shpguidelines](http://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines)

##### Why implement a safety and health program?

Each year, more than four million workers suffer from serious job-related injuries or illnesses, and more than 4,000 Americans die from work-related incidents. These incidents don't just hurt workers and their families, they hurt businesses as well. Whether at large organization, medium-sized employers, or small businesses, safety and health programs can improve businesses' safety and health performance, save money, enhance your reputation, and help you be more competitive.

Safety and health programs can help you:

- **Prevent** workplace injuries and illnesses
- **Improve** compliance with laws and regulations
- **Reduce** costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums
- **Engage** workers
- **Enhance** your social responsibility goals
- **Increase** productivity and enhance overall business operations

**Effective January 1, 2015, all employers under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be required to report all work-related fatalities within eight hours and all in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours of finding out about the incident.**

##### How do I get started?

Getting started is easy and you can do it yourself. OSHA has recently updated its 1989 Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines to reflect changes in the economy, workplaces and evolving safety and health issues. The updated document, Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, has been well received by a wide variety of stakeholders and is designed to be used in a small and medium-sized business settings.

The recommended practices present a step-by-step approach for implementing a safety and health program, built around seven core elements that make up a successful program. OSHA also provides resources to help small- and medium-sized businesses implement a safety and health program.



##### Where can I find help?

OSHA recognizes that regulations alone are not enough to change the safety culture in America, but a safety and health program is a way to start the journey to a safer workplace. Today's responsible business owner are actively managing safety in the workplace - why not get started now? Visit [www.osha.gov/shcampaign](http://www.osha.gov/shcampaign).

##### IMPLEMENTING a safety & health program

**PREVENTS** workplace INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

can help employers avoid **DIRECT COSTS** such as high **WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUMS**

**INDIRECT COSTS** that result from **WORKPLACE INCIDENTS**

such as **TIME LOST** due to work stoppages and investigations,

training and other costs associated with **REPLACING INJURED WORKERS**

**LOSS OR DAMAGE** to material, machinery and property.

**OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program** offers free and confidential occupational safety and health services to small and medium-sized businesses in all 50 states and the U.S. territories, with priority given to high-hazard worksites. On-Site Consultation Program services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations. For more information, contact CNMI-OSHA On-Site Consultation Program at 664-3156/7 or 287-7531/33 or email us at [cnmidolshasc@gmail.com](mailto:cnmidolshasc@gmail.com) or visit <https://marianalabor.net>

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World

Mounting confidence nerve gas was used in Syria attack

**BEIRUT (AP)—**Diplomats at the U.N. Security Council sparred Wednesday over whether to hold President Bashar Assad’s government responsible for a chemical weapons attack that killed more than 80 people in northern Syria, while U.S. intelligence officials, Doctors Without Borders and the U.N. health agency said evidence pointed to nerve gas exposure.

The Trump administration and other world leaders said the Syrian government was to blame, but Moscow, a key ally of Assad, said the assault was caused by a Syrian airstrike that hit a rebel stockpile of chemical arms.


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**UNITED NATIONS (AP)—**U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley warned Wednesday that the Trump administration will take action against chemical attacks in Syria that bear “all the hallmarks” of President Bashar Assad’s government if the U.N. Security Council fails to act.

Haley urged the council at an emergency meeting to immediately approve a resolution drafted by the U.S.,

Types of chemical weapons

Nerve agents




**Effects of small doses**

- Constriction of pupils
- Rapid breathing
- Nausea/vomiting
- Muscle weakness
- Confusion

**Effects of large doses**

- Convulsions/twitching
- Loss of consciousness
- Paralysis
- Respiratory failure leading to death

*Nerve agents such as sarin gas disrupt the nervous system, quickly causing a variety of symptoms. If breathed in, the effects on the respiratory system will be stronger, while ingesting a nerve agent will cause greater harm to the gastrointestinal system.*




**Effects of small doses**

- Eye irritation
- Throat pain/cough
- Diarrhea/vomiting
- Muscle weakness
- Skin irritation/blisters

**Effects of large doses**

- Skin burns/blisters
- Permanent blindness
- Respiratory damage
- Dead tissue susceptible to infection

*The effects of blister agents such as mustard gas take anywhere from 4 to 24 hours to become apparent. Most mustard gas victims survive, with infection of blistered skin being the greatest risk.*



**Effects of small doses**

- Coughing
- Burning of throat, eyes
- Shortness of breath

**Effects of large doses**

- Fluid in lungs
- Low blood pressure
- Heart failure

*Choking agents, such as phosgene or chlorine gas, cause pulmonary edema, the buildup of excess fluid in the lungs. If victims survive for 48 hours, they usually recover with little to no permanent damage.*

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Federation of American Scientists  
Graphic: Tyler Davis, Erik Rodriguez, Tribune News Service

Britain and France that condemn and threatens consequences for the use of chemical weapons, especially in Tuesday’s attack that killed dozens of people in rebel-held Idlib province.

“There are times at the United Nations when we are compelled to take collective action,” she said. “When the United Nations consistently fails in its duty to act collectively, there are times in the life of states that we are compelled to take our own action.”

“For the sake of the victims, I hope the rest of the council is finally willing to do the same,” she added.

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Early U.S. assessments showed the use of chlorine gas and traces of the nerve agent sarin in the attack Tuesday that

terrorized the Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun, according to two U.S. officials who weren’t authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity.

Israeli military intelligence officers also believe Syrian government forces were behind the attack, Israeli defense officials told The Associated Press. Israel believes Assad has tons of chemical weapons still in his arsenal, despite a concerted operation three years ago by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to rid the government of its stockpile, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to talk to the media. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also blamed the Syrian government for the attack.

A father bids farewell to twin babies after Syria attack

**BEIRUT (AP)—**The father cradled his 9-month-old twins, Aya and Ahmed, each in an arm. He stroked their hair and choked back tears, mumbling, “Say goodbye, baby, say goodbye” to their lifeless bodies.

Abdel Hameed Alyousef lost his two children, his wife and other relatives in the suspected chemical attack Tuesday in the northern Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun that killed at least 72 people. In footage shared with The Associated Press, Alyousef sits in the front seat of a van with the twin, his eyes red as he asks his cousin Alaa to video his farewell to them.

When the airstrike took place, “I was right beside them and I carried them outside the house with their mother,” Alyousef, a 29-year-old shopowner, told the AP. “They were conscious at first, but 10 minutes later we could smell the odor.” The twins and his wife, Dalal Ahmed, fell sick.



In this picture taken on Tuesday April 4, 2017, Abdul-Hamid Alyousef, 29, cries as he holds his twin babies who were killed during a suspected chemical weapons attack, in Khan Sheikhoun town, in the northern province of Idlib, Syria. Alyousef also lost his wife, two brothers, nephews and many other family members in the attack that claimed scores of his relatives.

AP

He brought them to paramedics and, thinking they would be OK, went to look for the rest of his family. He found the bodies of two of his brothers, two nephews and a niece, as well as neighbors and friends. “I couldn’t save anyone, they’re all dead now,” he said.

Only later was he told his children and wife had died.

“Abdel Hameed is in very bad shape,” his cousin Alaa said. He’s being treated for exposure to the toxin. “But he’s especially broken down over his massive loss.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

April 6, 2017

SAIPAN AIRPORT PARKING

This is to inform the general public that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) will be reinstating the charges for the parking booth located in the main parking lot at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The parking booth will resume operations on May 1, 2017.

The system dispenses a plastic card upon entry and the card is returned when exiting. The system reads the elapsed time between entry and exit and indicates the appropriate charge. A fee of two dollars (\$2.00) will be charged for the first hour or fraction thereof and an additional two (\$2.00) dollars for each additional hour or fraction of an hour.

The total charge for each 24-hour period is fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. For each additional hour or fraction of an hour, an additional two (\$2.00) dollars will be charged.

A customer who loses a parking card will be charged fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for the lost card and will also be charged the appropriate parking fee for the time parked. The customer with the lost parking card may be required to park on the side to allow other customers to exit first and then give time for the parking booth attendant to check the system to resolve the matter.


A customer with a valid Handicap Placard will not be charged any parking fee as long as the person who was issued the placard is present in the vehicle. All customers with a valid Handicap Placard should contact the Accounting Office at (670) 237-6508.

All parking fees are non-refundable.


If you have any questions, please feel free to call CPA's main office at (670) 237-6500.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) **Board of Directors’ Operations Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.** at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building.

AGENDA\*

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments\*\*

III. Executive Session\*\*\*  
(Consultation with Legal Counsel on legal matters pertaining to Operations)


IV. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.


\*\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting on **April 11, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA\*

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting

D. Adoption of Agenda

II. Attend Oversight Hearing by Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications at 9:00 a.m., at the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building.

III. Attend Oversight Hearing by House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications at 1:30 p.m., at the House Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building.

IV. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.



# Science & Technology

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Netflix’s video-streaming service is officially scrapping its familiar star-rating system, hoping to make it easier for its 94 million subscribers to signal whether they liked a movie or TV show.

The service is compressing its familiar one-to-five star system into a simpler choice of thumbs-up or thumbs-down. The change, first discussed by a Netflix official last month and officially unveiled on Wednesday, is aimed at soliciting more viewer feedback and helping the service make better program recommendations.

## Netflix is looking for a thumbs-up as star ratings fade away

Netflix believes its star system has been confusing to many people. The five stars allowed subscribers to tell Netflix whether they “hated,” “didn’t like,” “liked,” “really liked” or “loved” a particular video.

That was straightforward enough. But the company found that too many subscribers thought the star ratings Netflix posted for videos they hadn’t rated reflected the average of all user responses. In actuality, those ratings

were personalized predictions based on Netflix analysis of a user’s viewing history and past ratings.

Instead, Netflix will now display a percentage designed to predict how much each subscriber will enjoy a given show or movie. The number, similar to compatibility predictions on online dating services, will also be drawn from

viewing patterns and past ratings, including those previously entered into the star system.

Although change invariably irks some people, Netflix thinks relatively few of its subscribers will give the streaming service a thumbs-down for abandoning the star system. That’s because the all-thumbs format generated three times more viewer rat-

ings than the star system during tests conducted with millions of subscribers over the past year, according to Cameron Johnson, Netflix’s director of product innovation.

“It’s easy to see why,” Johnson said. “They perceive it as a way to get better suggestions on Netflix, which is something they care about because it helps them find something great to watch really quickly.”

Recommending videos is important to Netflix because it wants to limit the odds that subscribers become bored and cancel. The Los Gatos, California, company needs to keep its subscriber numbers growing to keep investors happy and support its stock price, which has been hovering near its record highs.

## TECH Q&A: Setting the right text tone on a phone

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: When I bought a Samsung Galaxy S7 phone about a month ago, I wanted to set different text-message tones for the various people in my contacts list. By editing my contacts list, I assigned custom tones to different people. But when a text message arrives, I still hear the phone’s default tone.**

**My son has been able to set up different text-message tones for people in his contacts list, and he has the same phone, messaging app and wireless service provider that I do.**

**A technician at a Verizon Wireless store couldn’t figure out what’s wrong with my phone. I’ve done everything I can except perform a factory reset on the phone. Any ideas?—Mark Nicholson, Wells, Minn.**

**A:** You have correctly set up individualized text-notification tones by editing your contacts list, so there are only a couple of things left to check.

Make sure that the tones you are using for text messages are stored in the phone’s “Notifications” folder. If they are stored in the “Ringtones” folder, the messaging app can’t find them.

In addition, make sure that any text-messaging tones you have added to the phone are compatible with the Galaxy S7. For a list of audio file types the phone can and can’t handle, see [tinyurl.com/lr6jcvr](http://tinyurl.com/lr6jcvr).

If those things don’t help, return to the phone to its original settings (for factory reset details, see [tinyurl.com/lg2clx7](http://tinyurl.com/lg2clx7)). That will erase your phone’s data, so back up your information first.

If the reset doesn’t fix the problem, the cause may be a flaw in your phone’s firm-

ware, the underlying software (separate from the Android operating system) that determines what the device can do. Don’t try to fix that yourself, because tampering with the firmware might invalidate the phone’s warranty. Instead, return the phone as defective and get a new one.

**Q: I’d like to know more about IronKey, a flash drive that is encrypted to protect against virus attacks and computer hacks. Should I buy such a drive to be safe, even though it costs more than nonencrypted flash drives?—Myran Booker, Baton Rouge, La.**

**A:** IronKey is one of several brands of encrypted flash drives that provide protection for data if the flash drive is lost or stolen. Data stored on one of these flash drives is coded so that it’s unreadable unless you have a password that’s known only to you or

an intended recipient of the flash drive.

But unless the flash drive contains top-secret information that you are going to carry or send to someone, encryption is an unnecessary expense. Here’s why:

An encrypted flash drive won’t protect your PC from being victimized by computer viruses or hackers. Only PC security software can do that. The encrypted flash drive only guarantees that you will have a copy of your original PC data if something goes wrong with your computer. But any flash drive could do that, whether it was encrypted or not, provided that you store the flash drive separately from the PC.

In addition, encryption is risky because it temporarily turns your data into unreadable gibberish. If you lose or forget your password, that gibberish can never be decoded.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-DPW/SWMD-115**

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 28, 2017 TIME: 9:30A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF A LANDSCAPING TRUCK 4X4 (FOUR (4) FULL DOORS)  
WITH HYDRAULIC LIFT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION”**

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/S/ JAMES A. ADA  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR OF P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-SAR-116**

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 28, 2017 TIME: 10:00A.M.

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/S/ YVETTE R. SABLAN  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
& REHABILITATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR OF P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-DPS-111**

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 28, 2017 TIME: 9:00A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF A 21” JET BOAT  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY”**

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/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO  
COMMISSIONER OF DPS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-HSEM-122**

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 28, 2017 TIME: 10:30A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CLASS “I” VEHICLE FOR THE OFFICE  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY”**

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/S/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, HOMELAND SECURITY  
& EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB 17-SAR-129**

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 08, 2017 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF TWO (2) RIDING MOWERS AND MOWER MAINTENANCE  
SUPPLIES FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & REHABILITATION”**

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# Off The Wall

## Ohio quadruplet accepted at Ivy League universities

**HAMILTON, Ohio (AP)**—Quadruplet brothers in Ohio have all been accepted at some of the nation's top universities, including each of them to both Yale and Harvard.

The Wade brothers of the northern Cincinnati suburb of Liberty Township say they have been notified in recent days of acceptances from a number of notable schools. Lakota East High School prin-

cipal Suzanna Davis tells the Hamilton-Middletown Journal-News that the four seniors epitomize academic focus but are well-rounded, "great young men" with individual personalities.

Aaron, Nick, Nigel and Zachary haven't made their decisions, though Aaron likes Stanford University and his three brothers are leaning toward Yale. Financial aid offers likely

will play an important role.

The youths said they are grateful to their parents and to the Lakota schools and their teachers.

"It's really something we couldn't have done on our own without all the support we have had through our lives," Nick said. "It has been awesome."

Their mother, Kim Wade, is a junior high school principal in the Lakota district, and their

father, Darrin Wade, works at General Electric Co.

"We feel like getting into these schools show who the people around us are," Nigel said.

Zachary added that they have always gotten encouragement that "the sky's the limit" with their hard work.

"We were never told that we couldn't get somewhere," Zachary said.

The Washington Post reports

that Harvard doesn't comment on admission statuses and that

Yale said by policy, it doesn't discuss admitted students.

## School district to pay \$100,000 for girl's 'drunk goggles' injury

**KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP)**—A Utah school district agreed to pay \$100,000 to the family of a teenage girl who was injured while wearing goggles to simulate drunkenness in a 2014 health class experiment.

The Davis School District will put more than \$61,000 into a trust account for Kylie Nielsen to settle a personal-injury lawsuit, The Standard-Examiner reported Wednesday. She can get access to that money when she turns 18.

The district also agreed to pay \$13,000 for medical expenses and nearly \$26,000 for legal fees. The settlement was reached about two months ago, according to district spokeswoman Shauna Lund.

Nielsen was 13 when she participated in an exercise to simulate alcohol impairment at Centennial Junior High School north of Salt Lake City. Her teacher, Rick Smith,

encouraged students to play tag and run around a classroom while wearing "drunk goggles," according to court documents.

Nielsen's foot got stuck in a desk, and she broke her ankle in multiple places, requiring two surgeries. It also resulted in one of Nielsen's legs being shorter than the other, and pain and swelling when she does any physical activity, her parents said.

Lund on Tuesday called it a "tragic accident."

"We are sorry for all Kylie went through as a result of it," she said.

Miles LeBaron, the family's attorney, did not respond to phone and email messages.

Nielsen ran track and had qualified for an all-star track meet the day she was injured, according to the lawsuit. She could not compete in the meet because of the injury and has since switched to playing golf, the claim said.

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### *In God's Care* **Richard Benavente Seman** Lovingly known as "Rich"

Born to Life on February 26, 1962  
Called to his Eternal Life by our Dear Lord  
on Tuesday, April 4, 2017

*In his new Life, He now joins His:*

**Parents:** †Jose Igibor Seman and  
†Margarita Benavente Seman  
**Brother:** †Joseph Benavente Seman  
**Father-in-Law:** †Juan M. Mafnas

*His spirit and memories will  
forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** Loraine Mafnas Seman  
**Children:** Vinycia M. Seman (Jeff)  
Cameron, Aleanah, Keynon, Milan  
Richard M. Seman  
John M. Seman  
Anthony M. Seman (Ciara) Aiden  
Lorisha M. Seman (Josh)  
Logun Jace, Kali Jayne, Luke Xavier

**Brothers & Sisters:** Nicolas "Nick" & Dolly Muna & Family  
Catalinu "Nunu" & Lucy Sanchez & Family  
Patricia S. & Oscar C. Rasa & Family  
Vivian S. & Mario Taitano & Valerie  
Benjamin B. & Dorothy T. Seman & Family

**Brothers/Sisters-in-Law:**  
John S. & Marie Mafnas & Family  
Barbara M. & Joe Tenorio & Family  
Michael S. & Marita Mafnas & Family  
Vivian M. & Nick Borja & Family  
James S. Mafnas & Family  
Mark S. & Tina & Family  
Daniel S. Mafnas  
Joseph S. & Doris Mafnas & Family

**Special Family Members:**  
Augustin "Gus" M. Kaipat  
Kintaro "Kel" Muna  
Amilyn Taitingfong/Leo & Leon Galarse  
Audrey Castro  
Ana San Nicolas

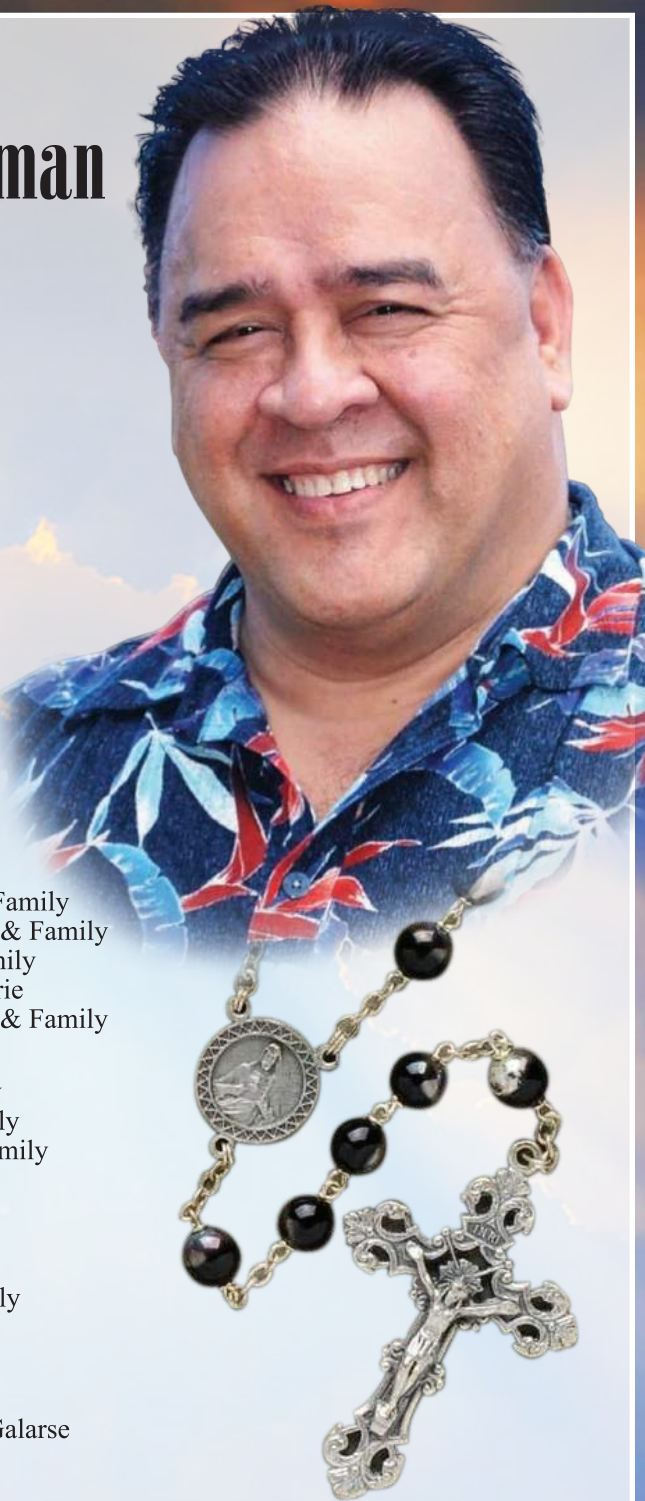
*Richard will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, , nephews and godchildren.*

Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Jude Church, except on Saturday at 6:00 a.m. and Sunday at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Nightly rosary is offered immediately after the mass at 6:30 p.m., except Saturday and Sunday, rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. and on Monday April 10, 2017, rosary will be said at 5:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, his remains will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso and the recitation of the holy rosary will be said followed by visitation and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. followed by interment services at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

*Un Dangulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomuwaay and Thank You*  
**Lorraine M. Seman, Children & Family**



## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Man in Drunk Lives Matter shirt charged with drunken driving

**NEWVILLE, Pa. (AP)** — Police in Pennsylvania say they arrested a man wearing a Drunk Lives Matter shirt for drunken driving. Police say 44-year-old Elwood Gutshall III's blood-alcohol content was about two and a half times the state's legal limit for drivers when he was pulled over early on March 19 in Newville. He was wearing a green St. Patrick's Day shirt with the saying on it. Online court records don't list an attorney for Gutshall, who faces a preliminary hearing May 26. Nobody answered the phone at his home Wednesday.

### Passover pizza: New triangular matzo shape debuts

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** —It's not your bubbe's matzo. The New Jersey-based largest producer of kosher food in North America is breaking tradition in its 129-year history by unveiling its first triangular matzo. Manischewitz says the shape is part of its Matzo Pizza Kit. CEO David Sugarman says matzo pizza is a Passover staple for Jewish families because they are not permitted to eat foods made with yeast or leavening. The company needed a special die to make

the new shape from the traditional rectangle. The company says breakage meant it had to replace a cooling conveyor with a new process. Employees now grab the matzo by hand and place it into cartons to cool. The company says it can produce about 1,500 triangles every 15 minutes.

### Police: Shoplifter trapped in store after closing calls 911

**KENT, Ohio (AP)** —Ohio police say a suspected shoplifter called 911 for help after she hid in a fitting room at closing time and got locked inside a department store. Brimfield Township police say surveillance video from the incident at a Kohl's store late last month shows her taking clothing items, then realizing she's trapped in the store near Kent, roughly 35 miles (56 kilometers) southeast of Cleveland. Police say officers already were heading to the store when she called 911 because she set off alarms. WJW-TV reports 35-year-old Joanne Havens told police she heard the store-closing announcements and simply didn't leave in time. But officers say they found stolen items in her purse. The Ravenna woman has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge. Court records listed no attorney for her.



# Life & Style

## Will Bill O'Reilly survive advertiser defections?

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The rapid defection of advertisers this week from Bill O'Reilly's show because of sexual harassment allegations raises what once seemed an unthinkable question: Can O'Reilly survive at Fox News Channel?

In just the few days since The New York Times reported that Fox News' most popular prime-time host and his employer have paid \$13 million to five women to settle allegations he mistreated them, some 20 advertisers have said they don't want their products associated with O'Reilly's show, drugmaker Eli Lilly and Coldwell Banker among the latest.

Others include Mercedes-Benz, Bayer and Allstate.

The companies appeared to be acting on their own, to the surprise of advocacy groups that usually orchestrate such campaigns.

"This is a surprisingly quick and strong exodus of advertisers," said Jane Hall, a professor at American University's School of Communication and a former Fox media analyst.

The key will be whether the advertisers that backed out will stand their ground. It's not uncommon for a company to



O'Reilly

abandon a show at the first sign of controversy, then slip back a few weeks later when things quiet down.

Some of the companies that abandoned O'Reilly issued strongly worded statements that may be hard to explain if they return, said Angelo Carusone, president of the liberal watchdog Media Matters.

Fox parent 21st Century Fox has many factors to weigh. O'Reilly has long been its most lucrative personality. His show generated \$178 million in advertising revenue in 2015, according to Kantar Media. His audience was larger in the first three months of

this year than it has ever been, according to Nielsen.

It is also largely because of O'Reilly that Fox News is the most popular network in all of cable TV and can thereby extract higher rates from cable companies to carry it.

Ending O'Reilly's show without evidence his appeal is dwindling carries a risk: It could ignite a backlash among fans.

"When your favorite show leaves a network, you don't watch the network very much anymore," said Jonathan Klein, former CNN president.

It's essentially up to Rupert Murdoch and his sons to decide when or if O'Reilly has become a liability. The Murdochs aren't afraid to act quickly and without sentimentality: Gretchen Carlson filed

her sexual harassment lawsuit against Fox News chief executive Roger Ailes on July 6, and he was out of a job by July 21.

One sign in O'Reilly's favor: The Wall Street Journal reported that Fox renewed his contract, which was due to expire at the end of the year, while fully aware of the accusations, which stretch back more than a decade.

On Wednesday, the pugna-cious conservative received the endorsement of Fox's most highly placed fan, President Donald Trump, who called O'Reilly "a good person" in an interview with the Times on Wednesday.

"Personally I think he shouldn't have settled," Trump said. "Because you should have taken it all the

way. I don't think Bill did anything wrong."

O'Reilly hasn't admitted any wrongdoing and said he settled for the sake of his family.

Advertising boycotts have succeeded in the past. Glenn Beck was essentially forced out at Fox when his advertising dried up following a sustained campaign against him that eventually enlisted some 200 companies, said Rashad Robinson, executive director of the liberal advocacy group Color of Change.

But similar efforts to force Rush Limbaugh off the radio haven't worked. Robinson said an advertising boycott was more difficult to organize against Limbaugh because he receives more support from local companies in individual markets.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Phoenix teen asks Emma Stone to prom with 'La La Land' video

**PHOENIX (AP)**—A Phoenix-area teen is asking actress Emma Stone to be his prom date with an elaborate "La La Land" parody video. Arcadia High School student Jacob Staudenmaier filmed his so-called "prom-posal" in the style of the opening song from Stone's Oscar-winning film, which features a dance number in a traffic-filled Los Angeles highway. He enlisted dozens of classmates and a few teachers to help with the video. Stone grew up in Scottsdale, a fact Staudenmaier mentions in the lyrics of his prom request. Staudenmaier says asking Stone to prom started out as a joke. He says he has a backup date in case the actress doesn't see his video.

**Barry Manilow says**

#### he kept his sexuality secret for 'fans'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Barry Manilow tells People magazine that he hid being gay for decades because he thought he would be "disappointing fans if they knew." The 73-year-old music legend married his longtime manager, Gary Kief, in a 2014 ceremony at their home in Palm Springs, California. Manilow tells the magazine's April 17 issue that keeping their romance out of the media was stressful. Manilow, who has a new album this month, "This Is My Town: Songs of New York," said he has always tried to keep his personal and public lives separate. "When I met Gary, that was even more of a reason to keep my life private." "I'm glad he stayed," said the singer of such hits as "Mandy" and "Can't Smile Without You."

## Pepsi pulls widely mocked ad featuring Kendall Jenner

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Pepsi on Wednesday pulled an ad after it was widely mocked and criticized for appearing to trivialize protests for social justice causes.

"Pepsi was trying to project a global message of unity, peace and understanding," the company said. "Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize."

It said it was "removing the content and halting any further rollout."

The ad shows Kendall Jenner, a member of the "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" reality TV family, stepping away from a modeling shoot to join a crowd of smiling, young protesters. The protesters cheer after Jenner hands a can of Pepsi to a police officer,

who takes a sip.

PepsiCo Inc. had previously said the ad was created by its in-house team and that it would "be seen globally across TV and digital" platforms.

It initially described the spot as featuring "multiple lives, stories and emotional connections that show passion, joy, unbound and uninhibited moments. No matter the occasion, big or small, these are the moments that make us feel alive." That description was also derided on social media.

The Purchase, New York, company had stood by the ad late Tuesday. By Wednesday, it was apologizing to Jenner for putting her "in this position."

Critics say the image of

Jenner handing the officer a Pepsi evoked a photo of Black Lives Matter protester Ieshia Evans approaching an officer at a demonstration in Baton Rouge last year. Others criticized the protesters' signs for being comically innocuous, with messages like "Join the Conversation" and heart and peace signs. The website Gothamist expressed a common sentiment online in calling the ad "gloriously tone-deaf."

Among those mocking the ad was Bernice King, who tweeted a photo of her father, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., being confronted by a police officer at a protest march. "If only Daddy would have known about the power of #Pepsi," the tweet said.

Larry Chiagouris, a profes-

sor of marketing at Pace University, said that the backlash was in part because Pepsi was a couple years "late to the party" with its message about unity, making its ad seem exploitive.

Still, he also noted that the fallout wouldn't necessarily be that damaging, since a lot of the negative sentiment expressed on social media is "easily washed away overnight."

It isn't the first time PepsiCo has backpedaled and apologized for an ad. In 2013, it pulled a Mountain Dew ad that was criticized for portraying racial stereotypes and appearing to make light of violence toward women. It pulled that ad from online channels, and said it was never intended to run on TV.

## Man trying to find himself may be lost cause for dating

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married for more than 20 years. My ex and I divorced five years ago. During that time I stayed busy focusing on my children and their needs.

About seven months ago I met a nice guy. We saw each other for about five months, then out of nowhere, he broke things off. I was devastated. He said his reason for the breakup was "he needed time to find himself." He was recently divorced and has sole custody of his kids. He has been under a great deal of stress and started seeing a therapist a couple of months ago.

I understand why he needs this time, but I also wish he would let me help. He said he wants to remain friends. I avoided contact with him for several weeks, but now I am drawn back to him. My friends keep telling me to forget him, but I can't get him off my mind. We talk almost daily and have even gotten together again a couple of times. I keep telling myself all the reasons it won't work. Should I run away, stay friends only, or hope to work things out?

HOPELESS ROMANTIC IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR HOPELESS ROMANTIC:** When a man says he "needs time to find himself" and breaks things off, it usually means he's no longer interested or ready for the kind of

relationship you're looking for.

**This man is newly divorced and parenting solo, so he has as much on his plate as he can handle right now. That he's seeing a therapist is a wise move, so give him credit for that. But the kind of problems he is trying to work through are not ones you can "help" him with. At a later date things may work out, but clearly not now. A friendship may be possible, but only if you are strong enough to disengage emotionally until he is ready—which could take a very long time.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have noticed a trend at children's birthday parties. The children aren't opening their presents at the party. Instead, the parents collect the gifts and take them home for the child to open later. To me, this seems rude and inconsiderate to the children who are attending the party. Part of the enjoyment of giving a gift is seeing the recipient's response. Please let me know the rule of etiquette in this matter. Am I correct in thinking that presents should be opened at children's birthday parties in front of their guests?

GIFT ETIQUETTE

**DEAR G.E.:** No rule of etiquette decrees that gifts "must" be opened at the birthday party. Because this trend bothers

## DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren  
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**you, ask the parent of the birthday child why she or he has chosen to have the gifts opened afterward, because there may be more than one reason for it. One that occurs to me might be that it's a way of preventing embarrassment on the part of children who might not be able to afford a gift as expensive as some of the other children's.**

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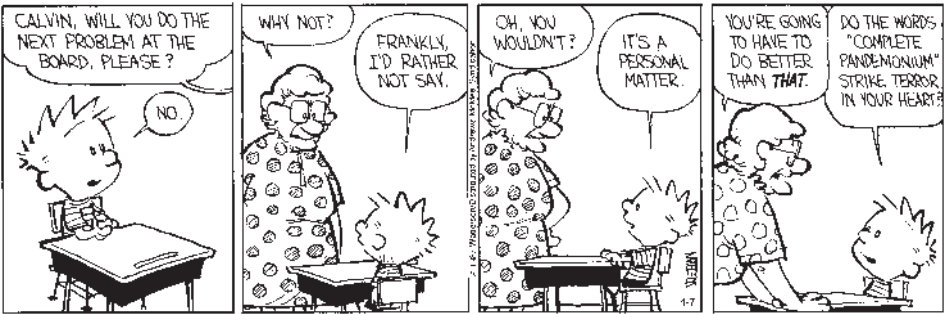
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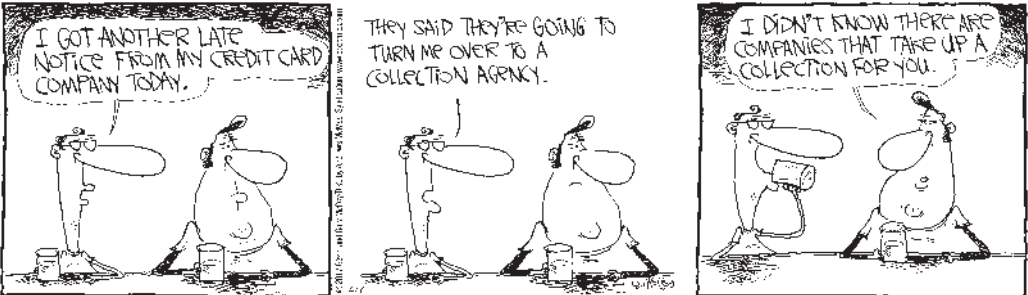
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19 Flying toys  
20 Out of play  
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23 South Pacific nation  
27 Sundial numeral  
29 Sikh headgear  
31 Bullet-proof garments  
34 Big rigs  
35 Like potato chips  
37 Purring pet

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**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 4-7**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Russell Crowe, 53; Jackie Chan, 63; John Oates, 68; Francis Ford Coppola, 78.

**Happy Birthday:** Dig in and get things done. This should be a year of completion. Take note of all the little things you have left undone and either discard or finish them one by one. The adulation you get from clearing the slate of chores hanging over your head will inspire you to make new plans for the future. Press forward with pride and determination. Your numbers are 1, 5, 13, 21, 26, 37, 40.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get serious about what you have to offer and how you can put your skills to good use. Pitch in and make a point to get things done. Use your intelligence, experience and know-how openly, and an opportunity will present itself. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take time to explore new possibilities and to learn from those with more experience than you. Engage in activities that are geared toward sharing skills with someone you want to know better. Discuss future plans with your loved ones. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The case of too little, too late will surface if you aren't open about the way you feel. Deal with partners and colleagues openly and honestly. If you want to get ahead, take responsibility and make things happen. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll have greater insight into what others want. Share your thoughts, offering precise information to avoid being misinterpreted. Plan something romantic or fun for the whole

family and you will enhance your personal life. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Tidy up loose ends before you shut down for the week-end. Leaving things unfinished will lead to stress, uncertainty and an inability to get the rest you need. Don't feel like you need to spend money in order to impress someone. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put your heart and soul into whatever you do. Take a leadership position and follow through with your plans. Your enthusiasm and hands-on approach will separate you from any competition you face. Romance will improve your personal life. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put reason and reliability first. Don't jump to conclusions, take on too much or expect too much from others. Keep your life simple and live within your means. Make changes that will stabilize your life, not disrupt it. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Creativity, innovation and enlightenment are heightened. Take whatever opportunity you get to explore the ideas and desires that excite you the most. Celebrate your discoveries and achievements with someone you love. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Know what you want and seize the moment. Confidence will play a determining role regarding what you accomplish and what you don't. Refuse to let anyone waste your time debating fruitless issues. Stay focused on what's most important to you. \*\*\*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can reinvent an old plan and make it work for you. Delve into situations that require thought, planning and physical action, and you will find a way to accomplish your goal. Discuss your financial, legal or contractual obligations. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look for greater stability when it comes to important partnerships. Coming to terms with things and making agreements that will be beneficial to everyone involved should be your intent. Be the solution, not the problem. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A steady pace forward will be your quickest route to success. Don't let what others do take priority over how you handle business and personal negotiations. Use your head and you will achieve greater security. 3 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are practical, steadfast and energetic. You are adaptable and curious.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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**Last Friday's Answer**

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**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**SAUSAGE MAKING** Solution: 6 letters

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# Curry scores 42, Warriors clinch West with win over Suns



**PHOENIX (AP)**—Stephen Curry scored 42 points and the Golden State Warriors held off the Phoenix Suns 120-111 for their 13th straight win, clinching the best record in the NBA for the third straight season.

Curry scored 23 in the first quarter when the Warriors blew open a 41-18 lead, but the Suns rallied with a 34-17 second quarter and made a game of it from there.

With Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala resting and Kevin Durant one game away from returning from injury, the Warriors still won.

Meanwhile, Devin Booker scored 21, Tyler Ulis 20 and Jared Dudley matched his season high with 19 for the Suns, who tied a franchise record with their 13th straight loss.

Alan Williams scored 16 and grabbed a career-best 17 rebounds for Phoenix.



**AP**  
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry and Phoenix Suns forward Derrick Jones Jr., right, battle for a loose ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in Phoenix.

## Rockets 110, Nuggets 104

In Houston, James Harden scored 31 points and Houston beat Denver to secure the third seed in the Western Conference.

The Nuggets cut the lead to two points on a layup by Nikola Jokic with 1:20 remaining. A 3-pointer by Harden a few seconds later pushed the lead to 106-101 and brought the crowd to its feet.

Harden added two free throws after that for the last of 15 straight points he scored for Houston in the second half of the fourth quarter.

Danilo Gallinari had had 23 points for the Nuggets. They are in ninth place and fighting for the last playoff spot in the West.

## Cavaliers 114, Celtics 91

In Boston, LeBron James had 36 points, 10 rebounds and six assists and the Cleveland Cavaliers ran past the Boston Celtics to move back into first place in the Eastern Conference.

The teams had identical records entering their final regular-season matchup, but Cleveland (51-27) now has a one-game lead over Boston (50-28) with only four games to play. Cleveland also holds the tiebreaker with the Celtics for the top seed, if needed.

Kyrie Irving added 19 points and five assists.

The Cavaliers played without starting center Tristan Thompson, who was out with

a sprained right thumb. But they made due without him, surging at the start of the second quarter and taking as much as a 29-point lead in the third quarter. They also out-rebounded Boston 51-38.

Isaiah Thomas led the Celtics with 26 points.

## Thunder 103, Grizzlies 100

In Memphis, Russell Westbrook fell a rebound short of an historic triple-double, but he scored 45 points, including a late 3-pointer that helped seal Oklahoma City's victory over Memphis.

Westbrook's 3-pointer — his eighth in the game—with

14 seconds left and two free throws in the final second gave the Thunder their second win in a row. Oklahoma City solidified its hold on the Western Conference's sixth seed, holding a 3 1/2-game lead over the Grizzlies.

Westbrook had 10 assists and nine rebounds, leaving him tied with Oscar Robertson's 55-year-old record for triple-doubles in a season with 41.

Victor Oladipo scored 15 points, and Doug McDermott and Enes Kanter added 10 apiece.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 23 points, and Zach Randolph had 20 points and nine rebounds.

## Heat 112, Hornets 99

In Charlotte, Goran Dragic scored 33 points and Miami made 21 3-pointers to beat Charlotte and pull back into a tie for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

James Johnson shot 6 of 7 from 3-point range and had 26 points, and Hassan Whiteside had a strong second half and finished with 13 points and 20 rebounds.

Nic Batum led Charlotte with 24 points, and All-Star Kemba Walker had 18 points on 6-of-17 shooting. The 10th-place Hornets dropped 2 1/2 games behind the Heat and Indiana with three games remaining.

## Raptors 105, Pistons 102

In Auburn Hills, Kyle Lowry had 27 points and 10 assists in his return from a wrist injury to help Toronto rally to beat Detroit.

Back in the lineup after missing 18 games, Lowry helped the Raptors overcome a 20-point first-half deficit. Toronto moved a half-game ahead of Washington for third place in the East.

Jonas Valanciunas had 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for Detroit. The Pistons dropped to 11th in the conference, three games behind Miami, Chicago and Indiana with four games to play.

## Lakers 102, Spurs 95

In San Antonio, Tyler Ennis had 19 points in place of injured starter D'Angelo Russell and the Los Angeles Lakers never trailed against San Antonio.

The Lakers led by as many as 26 points in snapping an eight-game skid against the Spurs.

Making his first start of the season, Ennis had six assists and only one turnover to help Los Angeles snap San Antonio's three-game winning streak. Russell missed the game after experiencing soreness in his knee during shootaround. Davis Bertans and Tony Parker led the Spurs with 14 points each.

## Johnson's injury, wild weather bring uncertainty to Masters

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)**—The Masters should be the easiest to predict of golf's four major championships.

It got a lot harder Wednesday afternoon when Dustin Johnson, the betting favorite and No. 1 player in the world, took a serious fall down a staircase at his rented home and wasn't sure he could even tee it up at Augusta National.

His agent, David Winkle at Hambric Sports Management, said Johnson landed "very hard on his lower back." He was treating it with ice and medication and told to remain immobile. Winkle said Johnson hopes to be able to play.

He was scheduled for the last group Thursday at 2:03 p.m.

The Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook immediately dropped the odds of Johnson winning from 11-2 to sharing the top billing at 7-1 with Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy.

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Telling were the comments Johnson had made on Tuesday, when he was talking about the state of his game after three straight victories.

"I've got a lot of confidence in my game right now, especially with the way I've been playing the last few tournaments," Johnson said. "But, you know, anything can happen."

That's true at just about every Masters, though the mishaps typically occur on the golf course.

Johnson's status only adds to the mystery at the year's first major.

The Masters has the smallest field, with just 94 players, and that's before history starts eliminating about 40 percent of them.

No amateur has ever won the Masters, and five of them are in the field this year. There are

19 players at Augusta National for the first time, and not since 1979 has a Masters rookie (Fuzzy Zoeller) left with a green jacket. No one older than 46-year-old Jack Nicklaus has won the Masters, so that's out 11 more players.

No one has ever won his first tournament at the Masters, which doesn't bode well for Roberto Castro or Kevin Chappell. And only three players since the Masters began in 1934 have ever won back to back. Sorry, Danny Willett.

So who does that leave?

The obvious choices would be Johnson (presuming he recovers), McIlroy or Jason Day, the top three players in the world. Impossible to overlook is Spieth, who has never finished worse than runner-up in his three Masters appearances.

But in the last 10 years, only

one player from among the top three in the world ranking won the Masters — Phil Mickelson (3) in 2010.

"That's what makes the golf course wonderful actually, and that's what makes it a great tournament is it," Nicklaus said. "Because you really never know what's going to happen. Even the players, as good as they might be, don't know what's going to happen."

For the second time in three days, the course was shut down for the afternoon by severe weather. Thousands of fans headed to the exit at 10 a.m. as a storm approached, and while the gates opened again at 12:30 p.m. for the Par 3 Contest, the fun was suspended an hour later when another storm arrived.

The curtain rises on the 81st Masters on Thursday with a course that figures to be soft-

ened by rain, which could be good news for McIlroy. It could also be confounding because of wind that always feels stronger than it really is among the Georgia pines, which could be bad news for McIlroy.

This Masters offers something for just about everyone.

For Johnson, it's an opportunity to pronounce his dominance in the game this year. Not since Hubert Green in 1976 has a player won three straight tournaments going into the Masters. Green tied for 19th that year. The only player to make the Masters his fourth straight victory was Jimmy Demaret. That was in 1940.

For McIlroy, it's another chance to complete the Grand Slam. He could have won the Masters six years ago until a tee shot behind the cabins, a four-putt and all sorts of blunders on the back nine led to an 80 in the final round.

Augusta National at times

can favor emotion. Who can forget Ben Crenshaw winning just days after he was a pall-bearer at swing coach Harvey Penick's funeral?

That might bode well for Day, who said he wasn't entirely sure he was going to play a few weeks ago when he brought his mother from Australia to America to have surgery for lung cancer. Odds for a recovery suddenly are much stronger, and Day has said her health has been on his mind all year.

"I owe everything to her," Day said.

And for Spieth, there is a chance to erase a bad memory of his back-nine meltdown a year ago.

"We'll step out and try and get a chance to win on Sunday on the back nine again," Spieth said. "That's all we're asking for. That's it. Just that small little piece."

Johnson can only ask for a chance to play.





# Lindor slam gives Indians opening sweep of Rangers



**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)**—Francisco Lindor hit a go-ahead grand slam off closer Sam Dyson in the ninth inning and the defending AL champion Cleveland Indians completed a season-opening sweep with a 9-6 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Lindor's first career slam and second homer of the game came after he put the Rangers ahead in the fifth when the shortstop misjudged Joey Gallo's speed, couldn't beat the slugger to second base on an attempted two-out force play and allowed two runs to score on a throwing error.

Dyson (0-2) loaded the bases and walked in a run before Lindor's homer down the right field line during a five-run Cleveland ninth. Dyson blew his first save after giving up three runs in a tie game in an 8-5 loss on opening day. He has allowed eight runs in one inning for the defending AL West champs.

The switch-hitting Lindor homered from both sides and had a career-high five RBI. Shawn Armstrong (1-0) struck out the only hitter he faced, Jonathan Lucroy, for his first major league win. Bryan Shaw pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

**Astros 5, Mariners 3, 13 innings**

In Houston, George Springer hit a three-run homer with two outs in the 13th inning to cap a five-RBI game, lifting Houston over Seattle. Springer's shot off Chase De Jong (0-1), who started the inning to make his major league debut, landed in the first row of the left field Crawford Boxes. Evan Gattis drew a one-out walk and advanced

to second on Norichika Aoki's single with two outs.

## Red Sox 3, Pirates 0, 12 inning

In Boston, Sandy Leon hit a three-run homer in the 12th inning—his third hit of the game—and Chris Sale pitched seven dominant innings in his Boston debut.

Leon also doubled in the third inning but got thrown out at the plate after running through third base coach Brian Butterfield's stop sign. It was scoreless into the bottom of the 12th, when Antonio Bastardo (0-1) walked Jackie Bradley Jr. and Pablo Sandoval with one out.

## Braves 3, Mets 1, 12 innings

In New York, Bartolo Colon drew all sorts of nods, taps and tributes in his return to Citi Field during a sharp debut for Atlanta, and Matt Kemp's third double of the game in the 12th inning led the Braves over New York.

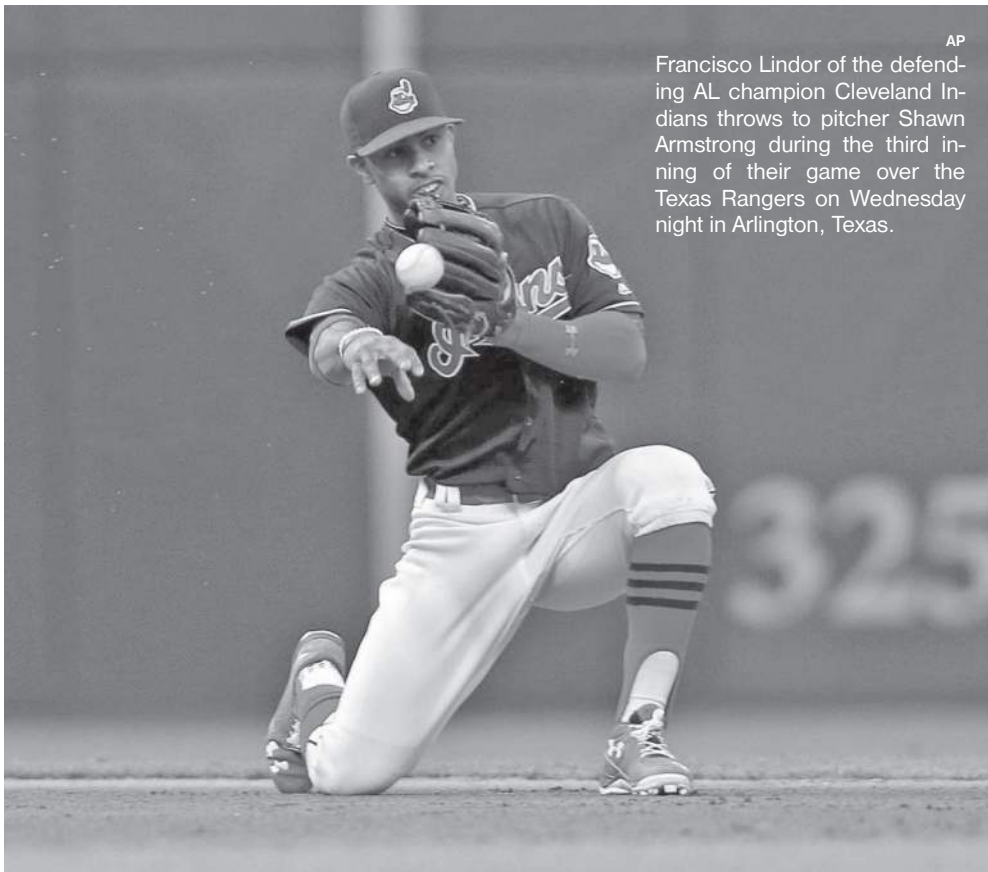
Kemp's two-out, bases-loaded liner off Rafael Montero (0-1) gave Atlanta its first win of the season after losing on opening day. Jim Johnson (1-0) worked two scoreless innings.

## Orioles 3, Blue Jays 1

In Baltimore, Dylan Bundy struck out eight over seven impressive innings, and Baltimore used home runs by Adam Jones and Chris Davis to beat Toronto.

Making his 15th career start, Bundy (1-0) allowed one run and four hits. The 2011 first-round draft pick did not issue a walk and retired 14 of the last 15 batters he faced.

Brad Brach pitched the eighth and Zach Britton got three outs to earn his first save



AP  
Francisco Lindor of the defending AL champion Cleveland Indians throws to pitcher Shawn Armstrong during the third inning of their game over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night in Arlington, Texas.

rushed to the mound after Richards threw a 94 mph called strike to Matt Joyce with two outs in the fifth. Richards was removed from the game, one out shy of being eligible for the win, and slugger Albert Pujols put an arm around the pitcher in the dugout.

## Rays 4, Yankees 1

In St. Petersburg, Corey Dickerson homered and drove in two runs to lead Tampa Bay over New York.

Alex Cobb (1-0) pitched into the sixth inning, continuing his comeback from Tommy John surgery that sidelined him most of the past two seasons. Building on five starts he made late last year, the right-hander allowed one run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings. Alex Colome allowed two hits but completed an inning for his second save.

## Brewers 6, Rockies 1

In Milwaukee, Eric Thames, Travis Shaw and Jonathan Villar each homered, Wily Peralta pitched five effective innings and Milwaukee beat Colorado.

Thames hit a 3-1 pitch 450 feet to deep center and Shaw teed off on a 1-0 pitch for a two-run homer job off Tyler Chatwood (0-1) in the fourth.

## Twins 9, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Eduardo Escobar homered and drove in four runs and Miguel Sano added a bases-loaded triple to lead Minnesota over Kansas City.

Hector Santiago (1-0) gave up one run and four hits and struck out four in five innings for the Twins. After starting last season 0-9 to set the stage for a miserable 103-loss season, the Twins are 2-0 for the first time since 2007.

and seal the two-game sweep.

## Dodgers 3, Padres 1

In Los Angeles, Rich Hill pitched five innings of two-hit ball, Yasiel Puig hit his first home run of the season and Los Angeles beat San Diego.

Hill (1-0) struck out five, walked three and allowed Hunter Renfroe's homer in his first start since signing a \$48 million, three-year free agent contract in the offseason. Relievers Sergio Romo, Alex Wood and Kenley Jansen shut the Padres down the rest of the way, and Jansen pitched the ninth inning for his first save of the season.

## Nationals 6, Marlins 4

In Washington, Bryce Harper had two RBI and a nice ninth-inning catch, Ryan Zimmerman homered and Tanner Roark recovered from a shaky

start to go six innings, leading Washington past Miami.

Roark (1-0) allowed two runs in the first inning, then hit two men and threw a wild pitch in the second, but he wound up retiring 13 of the last 14 batters he faced.

## Reds 2, Phillies 0

In Cincinnati, Brandon Finnegan allowed only one hit in seven innings, retiring the last 19 batters he faced, and Joey Votto homered for his first hit of the season, sending Cincinnati over Philadelphia.

The start of the game was delayed 50 minutes because of storms. The middle innings were played through a steady rain that worked to the pitchers' favor.

## Diamondbacks 8, Giants 6

In Phoenix, Chris Owings

reached safely four times and stole two bases, and Arizona scored seven consecutive runs in coming back from a three-run deficit to beat San Francisco.

A.J. Pollock went 3 for 5 with an RBI and Yasmany Tomas had two hits and an RBI to help starting pitcher Taijuan Walker win his Diamondbacks debut despite allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings.

## Angels 5, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Garrett Richards pitched beautifully while making his first appearance in 11 months after an elbow injury cut short his 2016 season but left abruptly in the fifth inning with biceps cramping before Los Angeles beat Oakland.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia and the training staff



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# Paire, Shirley's still unbeaten in Dove women's league

Paire Football Club and Shirley's FC are still perfect in the 2017 Dove Women's Spring League following their respective wins last Sunday at the Cha-cha Oceanview Middle School Field.

Paire is unbeaten in six games and holds a 5-1-0 win-draw-loss record after shutting down MP United-TanHoldings in their Division A match, 7-0. Jeraldine Castillo, Guinevere Borja, and Angel Sally scored two goals apiece in Paire's easy victory. Krizel Tuazon contributed one goal in the team's domination of

MP United-TanHoldings. Sally and Castillo made all their goals in the first half, with the former hitting the board in the 14th and 20th minute and the latter having back-to-back goals in the 21st and 23rd. Borja also earned two straight goals knocking in her first in the 43rd and the last in the 48th, while Tuazon scored earlier in the 17th minute.

With the victory, Paire kept its distance against Kanoa, which improved to a 3-0-2 mark following a 3-2 triumph over Shirley's. Mary Kay Alferos drilled all three goals for

Kanoa, starting her streak in the sixth minute and making her last two goals in the 32nd and 57th. Marielle Gariguez posted the lone goal for Shirley's, which is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-2-4 mark. MPU-TanHoldings is at third place with its 1-1-3 slate.

In Division B, Shirley's is on top with its 4-0-0 card after a nosing out Kagman last weekend, 1-0.

Nicole Lose logged the only goal for Shirley's, which is two wins ahead of MP United (2-1-0) and Kagman (2-0-2).

MP United remains a threat to Shirley's after beating Kanoa, 5-1.

Misaki Suemasu canned a pair of goals for MPU, while Julia Ishikawa, Kye Tamm, and Maaya Sato contributed one apiece. Christine Beceril made the only goal for Kanoa (0-1-4).

Idle Paire completes the Division B field and holds a 0-2-2 record.

Meanwhile, three games were played in the Masters division with TanHoldings dueling MP United-2 in the opener and Matansa-Kanoa and MP United-1-Topnotch scheduled to play in the last two matches. Results of the games are not recorded as matches are non-competitive ones. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

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eight minute.

In other results in Division 1, MP United eased past Sun Palace, 5-0.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita debuted in the M-League and powered MP United to the lopsided victory after drilling a hat trick. He logged his goals in succession and all were made in the second half, which started with MP United just up by one. Young Ju Lee recorded MP United's first goal in the 25th minute, while Evan Belcher had the team's last in the closing stage of the second half.

## DIVISION 2 Kanoa 4, Women's NT 2

In the first game in the division last Saturday, Kanoa topped the CNMI Women's National Team.

Ian Maniago nailed a pair of goals for Kanoa, while Kirt Andon and Taka Borja chipped in one apiece. Maniago scored first for the winning squad with his shot in the eighth minute, while Andon had his lone goal seven minutes later. Kanoa made it three in a row in the first half when Maniago got his second goal in the 20th minute, while Taka handed the squad a 4-0 advantage with his shot in the opening minute of the second half.

As for the Women's NT, Guinevere Borja finally broke the team's silence in the 50th

minute, while Bernadette Horey earned one more for the losing squad in the 55th minute.

## Shirley's-2 3, Matansa 1

Jack Phan registered two goals to lift Shirley's-2 to a victory over Matansa.

Phan recorded his first goal in the 12th minute and the second in the 38th. Hoin Ryu scored the other goals for Shirley's in the 20th minute, while Matansa avoided a shutout, thanks to Anamul Haque's shot in the 43rd.

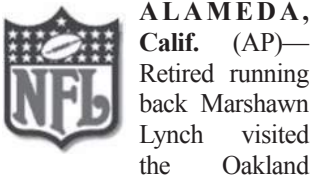
## Shirley's-1 2, KFAS 2

In the first game in the division, Shirley's-1 and Korean Football Association on Saipan settled for a draw.

Gota Kawakami posted the pair of goals for Shirley's-1 with his first coming in the 25th minute and the second in the final half of the match. Edwin Kim duplicated Kawakami's feat to help KFAS force the standoff.

Meanwhile, Sun Palace won its debut via default as the Thundercats failed to field enough players for the 8 vs 8 game. The Thundercats had only four players available for its first game of the season.

# Lynch visits Raiders amid talk of comeback



**ALAMEDA, Calif.** (AP)—Retired running back Marshawn Lynch visited the Oakland Raiders on Wednesday as he decides whether to come back to the NFL and the team decides whether it wants to acquire the hometown favorite.

A person familiar with the visit says Lynch came to the facility to meet with Raiders officials. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the visit wasn't announced by the team. The visit was first reported by recently retired Indianapolis punter Pat McAfee, who now writes for Barstool Sports.

Seahawks general manager

John Schneider told a Seattle radio station that he has discussed a deal to send Lynch to Oakland with Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie in case Lynch does come out of retirement.

"We've had dialogue about it," Schneider told KIRO-AM. "Marshawn is trying to figure things out, the Raiders are trying to figure things out. My understanding is that if he would want to come back and play that it would be for the Raiders and that would be it."

Lynch retired following the 2015 season. The Seahawks still hold his rights but would be unlikely to want to pay his \$9 million for this year if he decides to

comeback. Schneider says he doesn't anticipate any difficulties trading Lynch to Oakland because of his long history with McKenzie, who worked with him for years in Green Bay.

"I think it's one that will go in a smooth manner because of our relationship," Schneider told the station.

The Raiders have a need for a power running back after losing Latavius Murray in free agency. Lynch was perhaps the best in the league before he retired. He had double digits in touchdown runs every season from 2011-14, and his 51 TDs on the ground are the most in the NFL since 2011 despite playing just seven games in 2015 and being retired all last

season.

Lynch, who turns 31 later this month, averaged 3.8 yards per carry in his limited action in 2015 before retiring. Prior to that he was one of the game's top running backs with more than 1,200 yards rushing in each of the previous four seasons.

For his career, Lynch has rushed for 9,112 yards and 74 touchdowns.

Lynch was born and raised in Oakland and played college ball nearby at California. He still has strong ties to the area through his Beast Mode company and would be a welcome addition for a fan base still stung by the team's upcoming move to Las Vegas for the 2020 season.

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the boys 9 to 10 age group. He earned age group marks in the 50m, 100, and 200m freestyle, 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly, and 50m and 100m backstroke en route to getting the high-point award

in the division.

Aleksenko's fellow Tsunami Saipan member—Dangol—was in the same tournament in Tokyo and brought home two medals. She finished first in the girls 10's 50m butterfly and second in the 100m IM.

In the SSC tournament, Dangol was the high-point

winner in the 9 to 10 division, but the highlight of her performance in last month's competition was her records in five events—50m and 100m backstroke and 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer also also joined the SSC Ocean Swim and ruled her

age group.

Meanwhile, Pierce got the Female Athlete of the Month award after logging 104.75 miles in the "Saipan Polar Bear Swim" that concluded last March 21. The series of swims—both pool and open water—was organized by Dolphin Swim Club and is

patterned after the program of Dolphin Club San Francisco at the San Francisco Bay.

Completing the March honor roll was bodybuilder Enrico Valdez, who took the Male Athlete of the Month award for topping the 3rd Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding and Physique Competition.

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points off a triple and another long jumper.

The deadlock was recorded at the last 13.2 seconds of the game and with no timeout left, TanHoldings went for the quick inbound with Pagarao on the finishing end and fishing for a foul on Frank Lifofoi. Lifofoi took the bait, sending Pagarao to the foul line where he nailed his first charity to give TanHoldings the shaky lead, 89-88. He missed the second free throw, but fortunately, Lifofoi touched the ball last before it rolled out to the baseline as the latter battled the rebound against TanHoldings' Elmer Esdrelon.

TanHoldings regained possession down to the final 8.5 seconds and with the clock

ticking after the inbound play, Mariana Resort's Prince Factor was forced to foul Pagarao. The TanHoldings player this time went perfect at the stripe, as both of his attempts hit nothing but the bottom of the net.

After Pagarao's clutch charities, Mariana Resort had to inbound from the backcourt as it was out of timeout, too. Fidelino then received the pass from Mel Sakisat, but was quickly hounded by two TanHoldings defenders and fell on the ground. The ball rolled to the sideline, but it was touched last by Demapan so Mariana Resort kept the possession with 2.9 seconds remaining in the game. The time left proved to be not enough for Mariana Resort to pull up for a shot, as after Sakisat's inbound, Frank Lifofoi dribbled once and then kicked the ball out to Fidelino,

who unloaded a triple from the right corner and missed after the final buzzer had already sounded.

TanHoldings saved the win and took the championship despite playing without its top gunner Douglas Schmidt, who was still nursing a sprain he sustained in their Game 2 loss last Monday.

Pagarao, who sat out in Game 2 after getting involved in a bench-clearing scuffle in Game 1, stepped up in place of Schmidt, scoring 24 points. Bart Demapan paced TanHoldings with his 26 markers, while Jarett Matsutaro, who was also suspended in Game 2, did his share, too in the win, adding 13. R.J. Nonato and Esdrelon made 14 apiece to complete TanHoldings' box scores.

With TanHoldings' balance offense, it opened a double-digit spread at halftime, 50-

39. However, Mariana Resort moved within a deuce past the halfway mark of the third period, 57-59, as Sandrew Kitani, J.R. Lifofoi, and Factor teamed up in the rally. Sensing trouble, TanHoldings sued for time and when the game resumed it had a 13-3 windup to bring its lead back to twin digits. Pagarao tallied 5 markers in that surge and TanHoldings got several points from the foul line to widen the gap, entering the final canto.

TanHoldings went on to establish its biggest lead in the game, 79-64, after winning the exchange, 7-3, in the opening minute of the fourth period. However, Mariana Resort slowly trimmed the lead down with Carlo Prado starting the rally with a triple and J.R. Lifofoi, Sakisat, and Factor also contributing in the recovery.

Mariana Resort sliced the deficit to two twice, but baskets from Matsutaro and Nonato prevented the eventual runner-up from grabbing the lead. Nonato's point-blanked shot off an entry pass from Pagarao gave TanHoldings an 88-83 lead, 48.6 seconds left in the game.

However, that was the last field goal for TanHoldings as it turned the ball over twice, allowing Mariana Resort to even up the count before Pagarao came to the former's rescue.

**TanHoldings 91**— Demapan 26, Pagarao 24, Nonato 14, Esdrelon 14, Matsutaro 13. **Mariana Resort 88** — Fidelino 23, Sakisat 15, Prado 13, J. Lifofoi 12, Kani 11, Factor 10, F. Lifofoi 2, James 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 19-18, 50-39, 72-60, 91-88.

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Boston	2	0	1.000	—
Tampa Bay	2	1	.667	½
New York	1	2	.333	1½
Toronto	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
Cleveland	3	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	½
Detroit	1	0	1.000	1
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2½
Chicago	0	1	.000	2
West Division				
Houston	3	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	1
Oakland	1	2	.333	2
Seattle	0	3	.000	3
Texas	0	3	.000	3
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	2	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1
New York	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Miami	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	—
Chicago	1	1	.500	—
St. Louis	1	1	.500	—
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	½
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000	1
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Twins	0	7		



# 2017 Saipan Swim Club International Meet Winners

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Boys 15 to 16 high-point winner Kento Akimaru, center, of Saipan Swim Club is joined by runners-up Christian Villacrusis, left, and Manhoben Swim Club's Tanner Poppe for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the 2017 SSC International Meet held at Naked Fish late last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

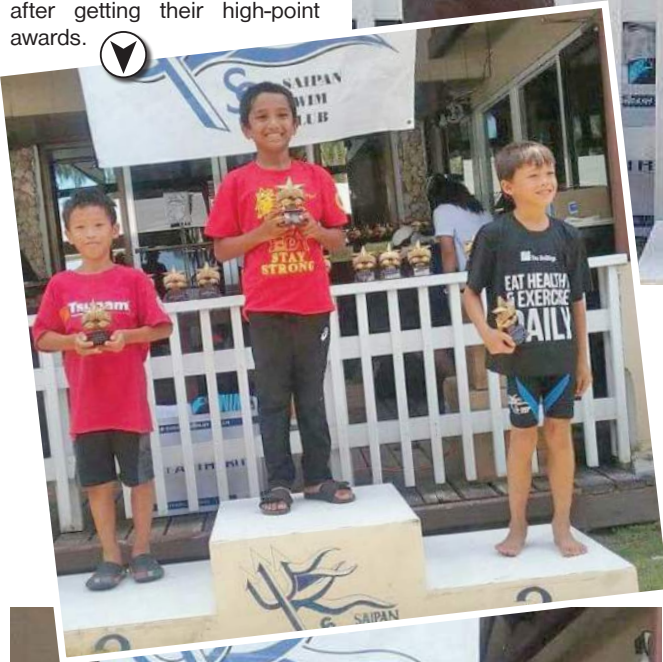


From left, girls 13 to 14's Top 3 finishers Aika Watanabe and Sophia Gauran of Tsunami Saipan, and SSC's Jin Ju Thompson.



From left, boys 11 to 12's Top 3 finishers Jinnosuke Suzuki of SSC and Juhn Tenorio and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero of Tsunami Saipan are all smiles after getting their high-point trophies.

From left, the Top 3 finishers in the boys U8 division, Kouki Watanabe and Aasish Dangol of Tsunami Saipan, and Moshe Sikkel of SSC pose for a photo after getting their high-point awards.



From left, girls U8's Top 3 placers Julie Anne Chavez of SSC, Maria Batallones of Tsunami Saipan, and Sakura Hara and Anna Kate O'Donnell of Manukai Athletic Club pose for a group photo.



Champion Isaiah Aleksenko of Tsunami Saipan is flanked by runners-up Israel Poppe, left, of Manhoben Swim Club, and teammate Hans Xu during the awards presentation for the boys 9 to 10 age group.



Girls 11 to 12 champion Nanaka Watanabe, center, of Tsunami Saipan is joined at the podium by teammate Asaka Litulumar, right, and Palau's Klei Andreas.



From left, girls 9 to 10's Top 3 finishers Shoko Litulumar and Ashley Dangol of Tsunami Saipan and SSC's Kaith Lynn Chavez proudly pose with their trophies.





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## TanHoldings wins nail-biter

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**T**anHoldings survived a scare from Mariana Resort, 91-88, in the deciding Game 3 of their title series in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Returning from the Game 2 suspension, Lerio Pagarao made three pressure-packed free throws to save the day for TanHoldings, which led by as



much as 15 points in the fourth quarter only to be threatened in the homestretch by the hard-fighting Mariana Resort. Mariana Resort put the

spectators of the do-or-die game at the edge of their seats as it tied the match at 88-all, after Jun Fidelino, who also came out of the Game 2 suspension, scored 5 straight

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## Hawaiian Rock, Teen Ayuyus edge foes



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
CNMI U16 National Team's Joshua Abragan, left, and Thai-phi Austria close in on Kanoa FC's Rodwealth Espana during their Division 1 game in the M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

over Kanoa FC. Joshua Abragan made the other goal for the CNMI U16 with his conversion in the 29th minute.

Kanoa dropped its debut despite hitting the board first off Ben Poon's goal in the

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Hawaiian Rock and the CNMI U16 National Team scored two goals apiece to win their respective debuts in the Division 1 of the M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Trey Dunn and Suguru Takahashi scored for Hawaiian Rock, which shut down TanHoldings in the third match in the division. Dunn drew first blood with his shot in the 45th minute, while Takahashi found his target three minutes later.

In the second game, Thai-phi Austria knocked in the go-ahead goal for the CNMI U16 in the 44th minute to lift the Teen Ayuyus to a 2-1 triumph



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
TanHoldings' Lerio Pagarao, left, stretches for a layup after slipping past the defense of Mariana Resort's Sandrew Kani during the deciding Game 3 of their title series in the JEM/Mobil caging last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Swimmers lead March awardees



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko swims in the 50m backstroke event during last month's 2017 Saipan Swim Club International Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Swimmers dominated the roster of Northern Marianas Sports Association's awardees for March.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko and Ashley Dangol took the NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athletes of the Month plums, while Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation board member Carol Lynn Pierce was named Female Athlete of the Month.

Aleksenko got the March honors after his outstanding performance in the Tokyo Junior Sprint 2017 and in the 2017 Saipan Swim



Club International Meet. The 10-year-old swimmer won a gold medal in the 50m free-style event of the short course tournament in Japan held last March 4 and 5 and also made it to the finals of the 100m individual medley. Aleksenko went on to win the Most Outstanding Swimmer award in his age group in the Tokyo Sprint—a first for the club and a CNMI swimmer.

In the SSC meet, which also featured swimmers from Guam, Palau, and Pohnpei and was held from March 23 to 25, the Tsunami Saipan member also made history by setting eight records in

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